







Dutch

SKIPPER OF THE OF THE *BLACK LAGOON* AND LEADER OF THE CREW. DUTCH STAYS COOL NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GET. HIS BACKGROUND INCLUDES MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING A TOUR IN VIETNAM.

Benny

THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS ONBOARD THE *BLACK LAGOON*. BENNY ESCAPED FROM THE U.S. AND IS ON THE RUN FROM BOTH THE FBI AND THE MAFIA.

Crew of the Black Lagoon

Rock

A FORMER JAPANESE SALARYMAN, WHOSE REAL NAME IS ROKURŌ OKAJIMA. ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY AFTER THE CREW OF THE *BLACK LAGOON* ABDUCTED HIM, ROCK LATER JOINED HIS CAPTORS.

Revy

THE *BLACK LAGOON*'S TOP GUNSLINGER, NICKNAMED "TWO HAND." HER FOUL MOUTH AND EXTREMELY SHORT FUSE USUALLY GET HER IN LOTS OF TROUBLE.

STORY

ROCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROKURŌ OKAJIMA, WAS A FACELESS EMPLOYEE AT A LARGE JAPANESE COMPANY. ON A BUSINESS TRIP HE WAS ABDUCTED AND HELD FOR RANSOM BY THE CREW OF THE *BLACK LAGOON*, A MODIFIED TORPEDO BOAT, WHOSE CREW RUNS A MARITIME COURIER SERVICE AND ENGAGES IN A LITTLE PIRACY ON THE SIDE.

AT FIRST OKAJIMA FULLY TRUSTED HIS EMPLOYERS TO COME TO HIS AID, BUT HIS HOPES WERE DASHED WHEN HIS COMPANY CALLOUSLY THREW HIM TO THE WOLVES IN ORDER TO SAVE THEIR OWN SKINS. SHOCKED AND ANGERED, HE DECIDED TO CHANGE COURSE IN LIFE AND JOINED THE CREW OF THE *BLACK LAGOON*.

DUTCH'S COMPANY, LAGOON TRADERS, IS ESTABLISHED IN ROANAPUR, THAILAND. THE CITY IS RIFE WITH VIOLENCE YET STILL HAS SOME DEGREE OF ORDER THANKS TO THE "NETWORK", A FORUM WHERE ROANAPUR'S MAJOR GANGS CONGREGATE TO MAINTAIN A LOOSE POWER-SHARING ARRANGEMENT.

DESPITE THE AGREEMENT, THE ITALIAN MAFIA ENACTS A PLAN TO WIPE OUT BALALAIIKA, THE LOCAL HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN CRIME SYNDICATE IN ROANAPUR, HOTEL MOSCOW, IN ROANAPUR. THE CITY PLUNGES INTO CHAOS THANKS TO THE RECKLESS ACTS OF WANTON DESTRUCTION PERPETRATED BY HANSEL AND GRETEL, TWIN ASSASSINS THAT THE MAFIA HAS SUMMONED TO ROANAPUR...



PERSONALLY,
I LIKE
BEING ON
THE FIRING
LINE, BUT...

...I'VE GOT TO
WORRY ABOUT
THE RESPONSIBILITY
THAT
COMES WITH
THE POSITION
I HOLD.
ANNOYING,
ISN'T IT?

Chang

BOSS OF THE
ROANAPUR BRANCH
OF THE HONG KONG
TRIADS.



FORWARD,
COMRADE
SOLDIERS..

COCK THE
HAMMER...
IT'S TIME
FOR
ACTION!

Balalaika

BOSS OF THE THAI BRANCH OF "HOTEL
MOSCOW," A NOTED RUSSIAN CRIMINAL GANG.
BALALAIIKA ONCE WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE RED
ARMY OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.



WHEN THE
BURTENDER
TOLD THEM KIDS
DIDN'T BELONG
THERE...

...DAMNED IDENTICAL
TWIN'S DRESSED LIKE
THEY WERE GOING TO
A FUNERAL. FREAKY-
LOOKING, LIKE THOSE
KIDS IN THE SHIRING.

THE BRAT'S
PULLED OUT A
POLISHANVILLE
TRADE COMPANY
BUSINESS CARD
WITH YOUR NAME
ON IT...

AND
SAID...

Hansel & Gretel

TWIN ROMANIAN ASSASSINS BROUGHT TO ROANAPUR BY
THE ITALIAN MAFIA TO ELIMINATE BALALAIIKA.

BLACK LAGOON



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Chapter 13: Bloodsport Fairy Tale - Part III





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HEE.

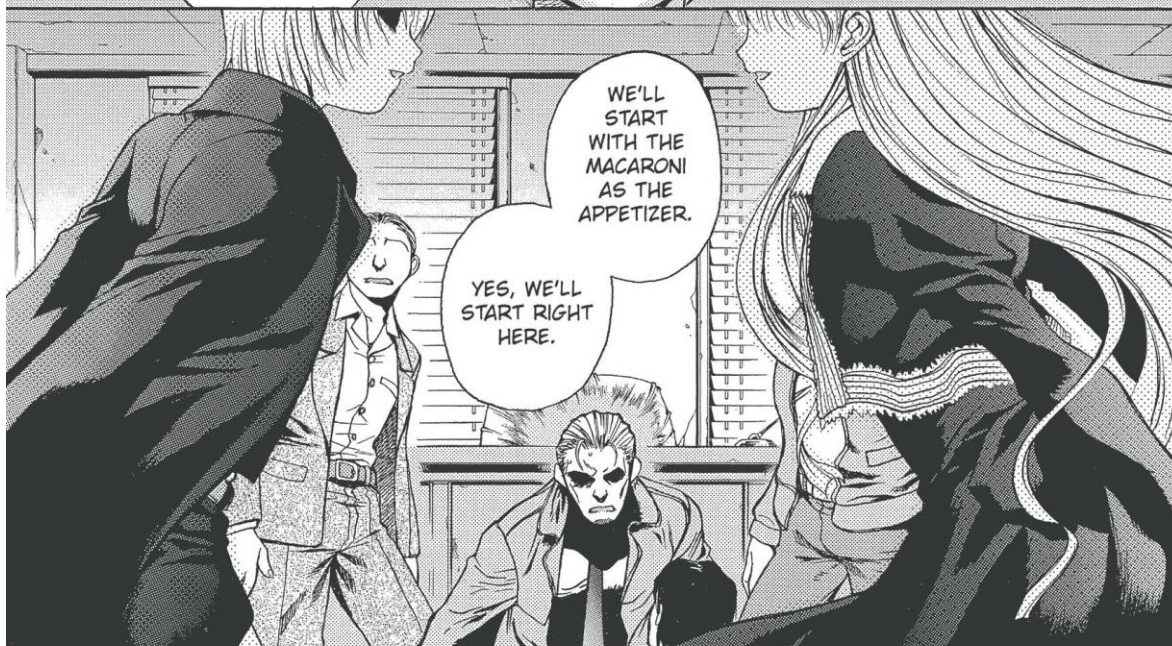
WE'VE
TALKED IT
OVER.



YES.

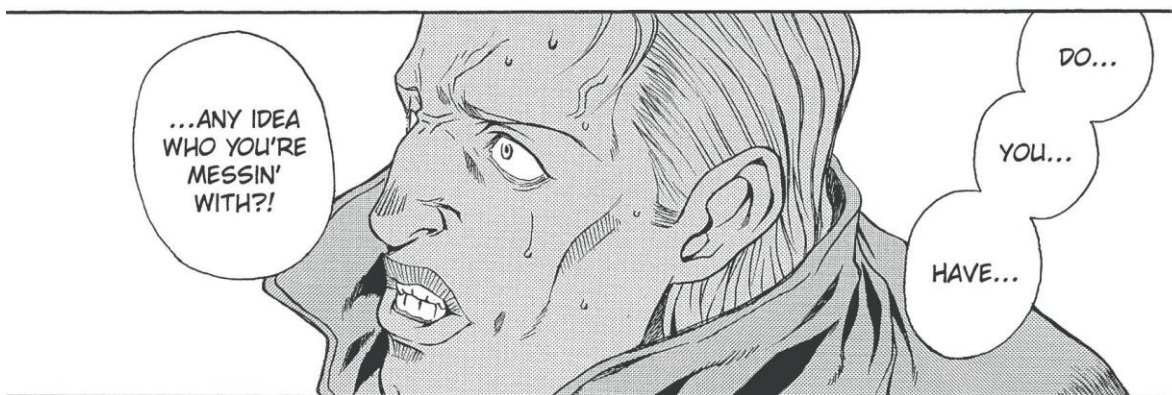
WE'VE DECIDED
TO SAVE THE
BORSCHT FOR
THE MAIN DISH.

RIGHT,
BROTHER
DEAREST?



WE'LL
START
WITH THE
MACARONI
AS THE
APPETIZER.

YES, WE'LL
START RIGHT
HERE.



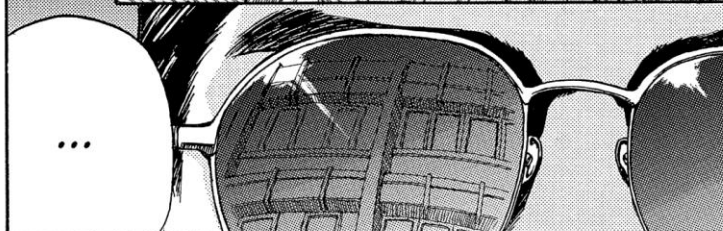
...ANY IDEA
WHO YOU'RE
MESSIN'
WITH?!

DO...

YOU...

HAVE...





...

CH

GREAT BROTHER
CHANG.



YES
SIR?

CHOU.

WE'VE
SET UP A
PERIMETER
AROUND
THEIR OFFICE.



LISTEN...

GET
READY TO
DUCK.

HUH?



WE AWAIT
YOUR ORDERS,
GREAT
BROTHER.



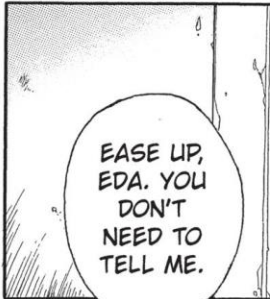


IT LOOKS LIKE
SOMETHING
WENT DOWN
WITH THE
VERROCCHIO
FAMILY.

THEY'RE
CLOSING ALL
THE EXITS
OFF OF MAIN
STREET.

REVVY!!

THE
COPS ARE
ON THE
MOVE!



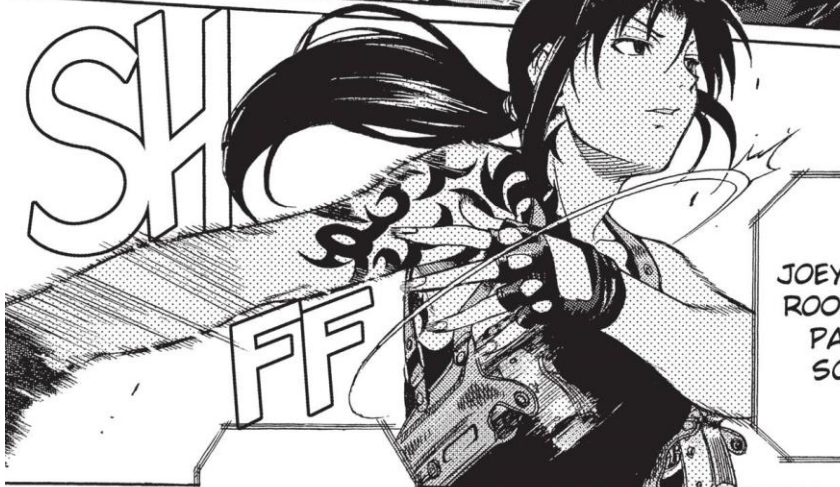
EASE UP,
EDA. YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
TELL ME.



YOU WON'T
GET THAT
REWARD
SITTIN' ON
THE SIDELINES,
REVVY!



WHERE
DO I
MEET
YOU?



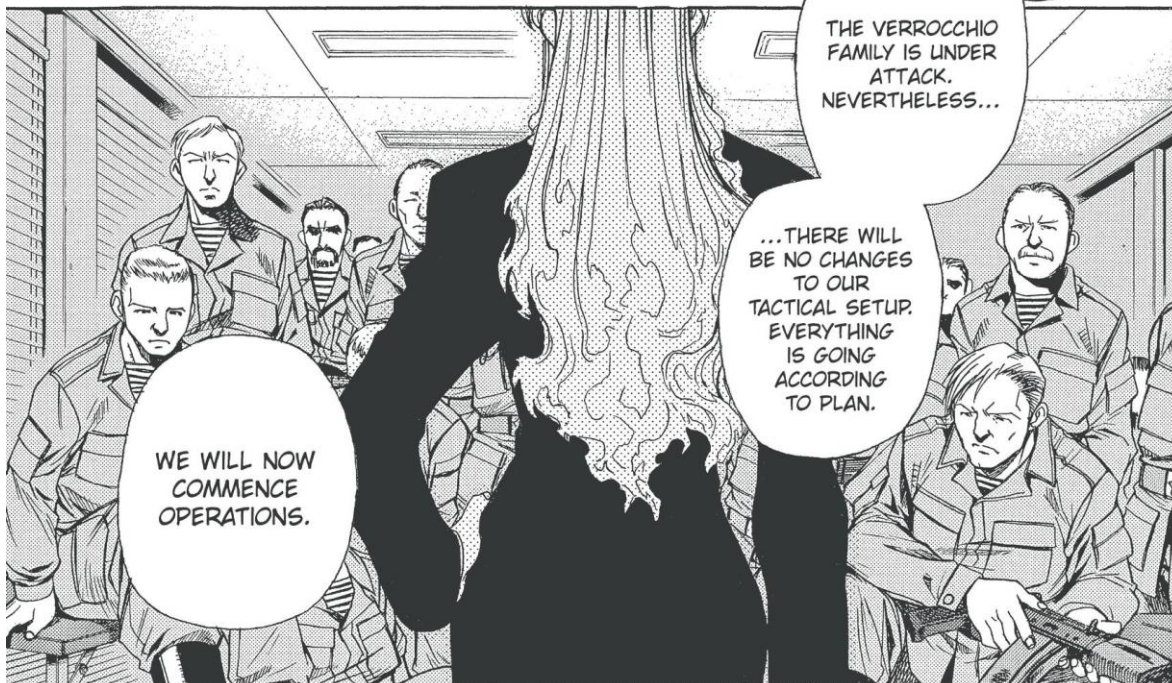
JOEY'S GOT A
ROOM IN THE
PARKANA
SQUARE.

F

JUST
HURRY UP,
GOT IT?!



COMRADES...



THE VERROCCHIO FAMILY IS UNDER ATTACK. NEVERTHELESS...

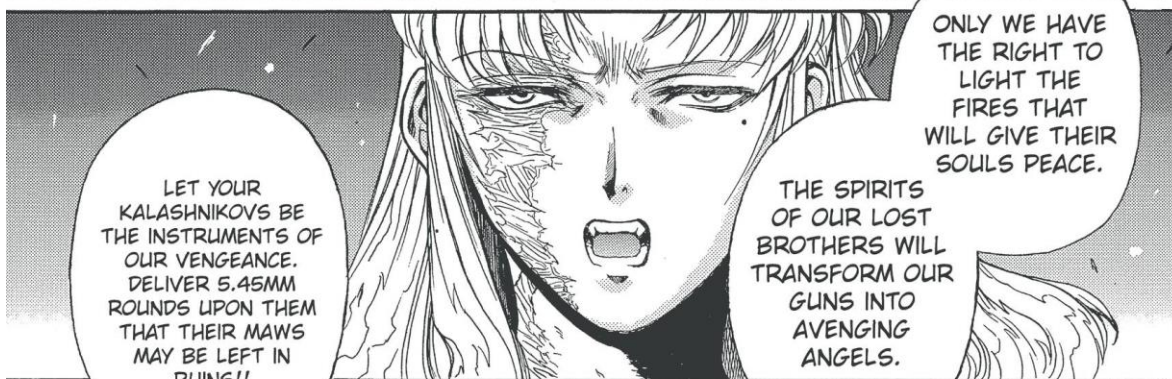
...THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO OUR TACTICAL SETUP. EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

WE WILL NOW COMMENCE OPERATIONS.



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAKHAROV AND CORPORAL MENSHOV WERE BROTHERS IN ARMS WHO CAN NEVER BE REPLACED.

MY VALIANT COMRADES...



LET YOUR KALASHNIKOV'S BE THE INSTRUMENTS OF OUR VENGEANCE. DELIVER 5.45MM ROUNDS UPON THEM THAT THEIR MAWS MAY BE LEFT IN RUINS!!

ONLY WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIGHT THE FIRES THAT WILL GIVE THEIR SOULS PEACE.

THE SPIRITS OF OUR LOST BROTHERS WILL TRANSFORM OUR GUNS INTO AVENGING ANGELS.













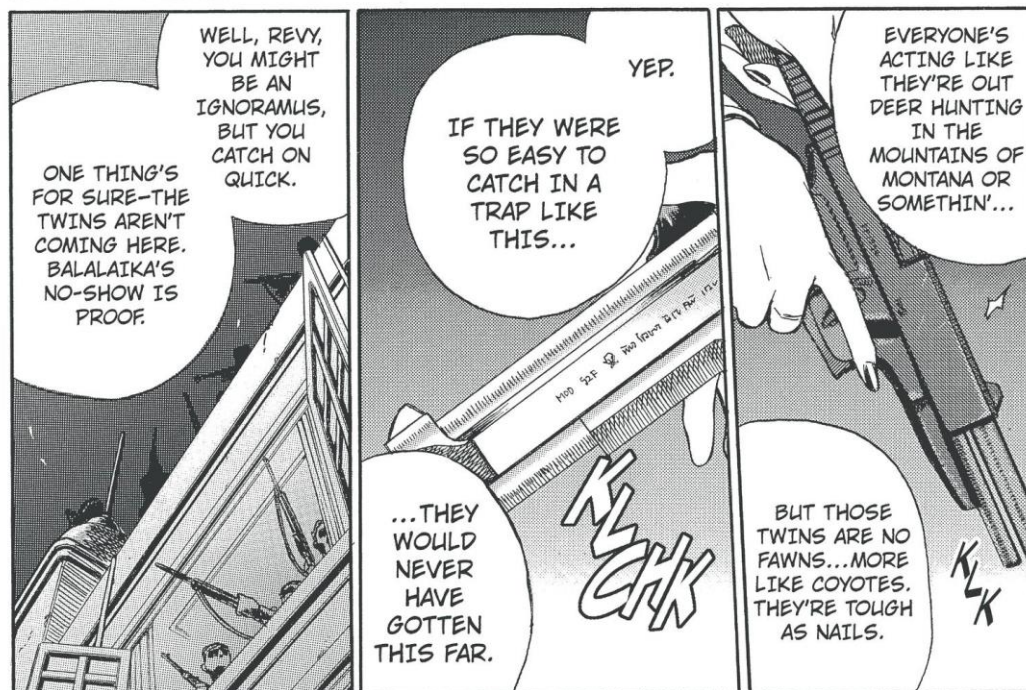


SOLDIERS ARE PRAGMATISTS. THEY WON'T MAKE A MOVE ON SPECULATION.

THE TWINS ARE GONNA PULL A FAST ONE.

BALALAIKA IS DEAD SET ON FUCKING UP THOSE TWINS GOOD.

I'M SURE SHE'S GOT ALL HER BASES COVERED. SHE'S MOBILIZED HER VYSOTNIKI TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE.



WELL, REVY, YOU MIGHT BE AN IGNORAMUS, BUT YOU CATCH ON QUICK.

ONE THING'S FOR SURE—THE TWINS AREN'T COMING HERE. BALALAIKA'S NO-SHOW IS PROOF.

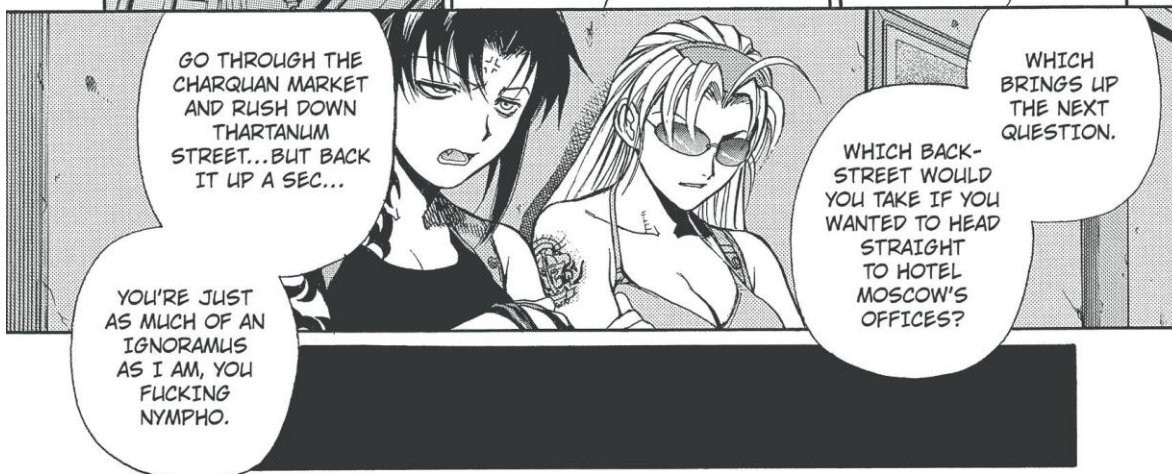
YEP.

IF THEY WERE SO EASY TO CATCH IN A TRAP LIKE THIS...

...THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR.

EVERYONE'S ACTING LIKE THEY'RE OUT DEER HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF MONTANA OR SOMETHIN'...

BUT THOSE TWINS ARE NO FAWNS...MORE LIKE COYOTES. THEY'RE TOUGH AS NAILS.



GO THROUGH THE CHARQUAN MARKET AND RUSH DOWN THARTANUM STREET...BUT BACK IT UP A SEC...

YOU'RE JUST AS MUCH OF AN IGNORAMUS AS I AM, YOU FUCKING NYMPHO.

WHICH BRINGS UP THE NEXT QUESTION.

WHICH BACK-STREET WOULD YOU TAKE IF YOU WANTED TO HEAD STRAIGHT TO HOTEL MOSCOW'S OFFICES?



WELL, I GOT
STUCK IN A
SHOOTOUT
WITH A SHITTY
PAIR OF
HARDBALLERS...



MY
CONDOLENCES,
CHANG.

SHOULD'VE
KNOWN NOT
CARRYING MY
OWN GUNS
WOULD COME
BACK TO
HAUNT ME.



BY THE WAY, I
TOOK CARE OF
WATSAP. I FIGURED
YOU WOULDN'T WANT
THAT GREEDY
BASTARD GETTIN'
HIS HANDS ON
THE TWINS.

IF I HAD KNOWN
THE TWINS
WERE HERE, I'D
HAVE BROUGHT
BETTER GUNMEN
WITH ME.

NOW I'M
STUCK HAVING
TO WALK BACK
HOME. IMAGINE
HOW THIS
LOOKS...

PAY ME BACK
HOWEVER
YOU SEE FIT
LATER ON.



IT'S ONLY
A MATTER
OF
TIME...

WE'RE ON
TRACK
WITH OUR
PLANS,
CHANG.

MY, MY,
AREN'T
YOU
CUNNING
AS EVER.

I OWE YOU
ONE FOR
SUCH A
SELFLESS
ACT OF
KINDNESS.



IT'S A
BLACK SEDAN!
JAPANESE
MAKE! IT'S
GOTTA BE
THE ONE!

YO!!
HEY!!

HERE
COMES A
CAR!!

...BEFORE
THE OPENING
SALVOS RING
OUT.



ARE THE
TWINS
INSIDE?

I CAN'T
TELL.
IT'S GOT
TINTED
WINDOWS.



WHO
CARES?

IT'S TIME
TO ROCK
'N' ROLL,
MY MAN.





VSH

OO

BK

OO

VSH

HH

SEND THEM TO KINGDOM COME!

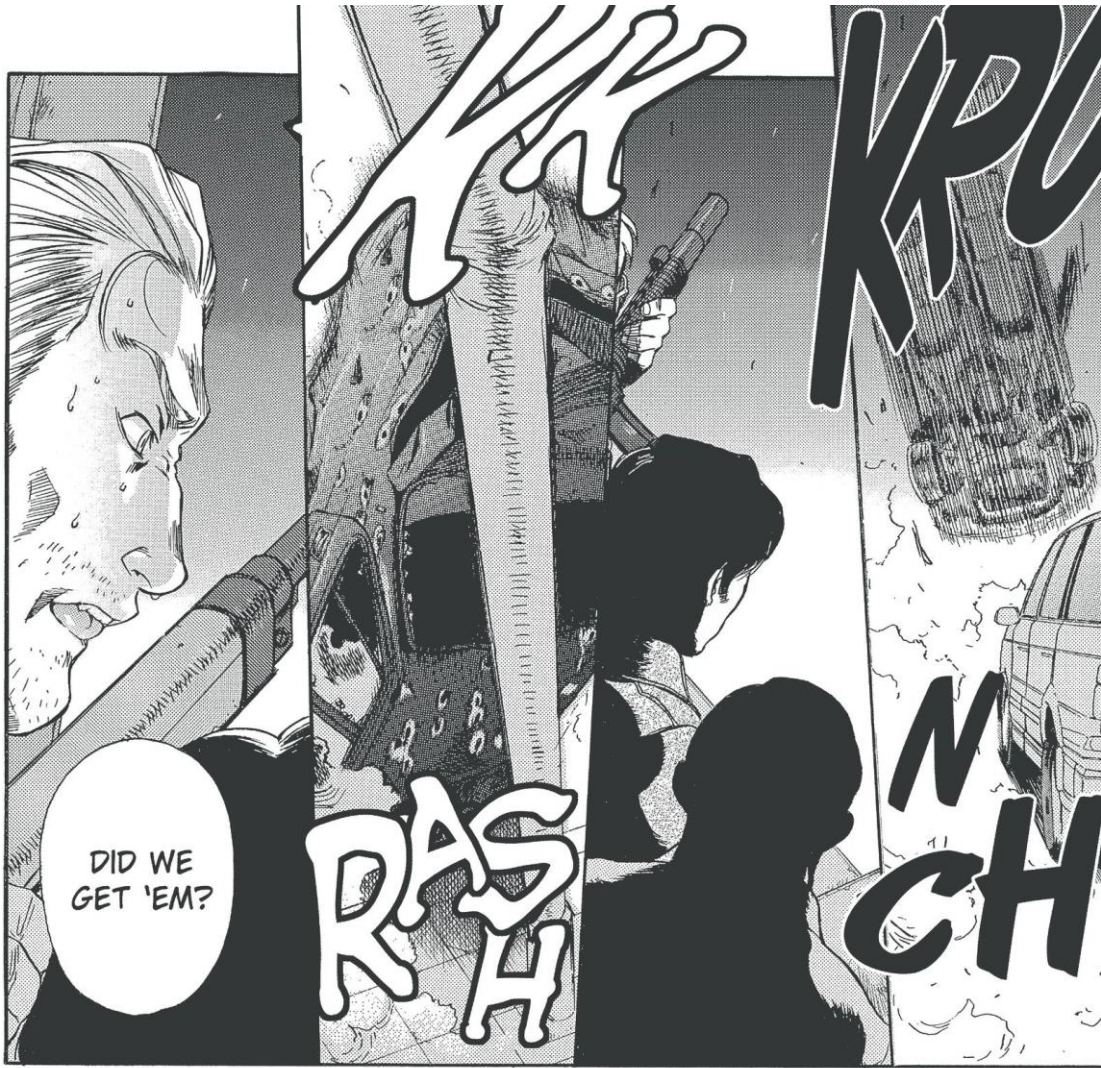
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THEY'RE
NOT
WHITE!

BRING
YOUR CARS
AROUND.

SHIT!
IT'S NOT
THEM!!

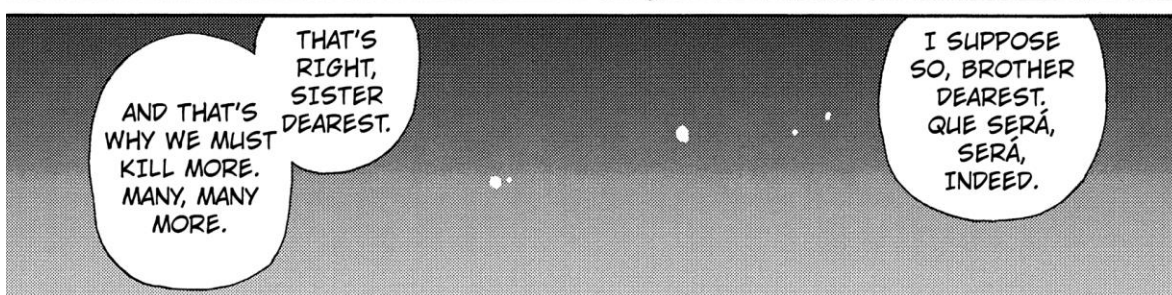
ZAK

C'MON, YOU
FUCKERS!!
WE GOTTA
FLUSH OUT
THOSE
BRATS!!

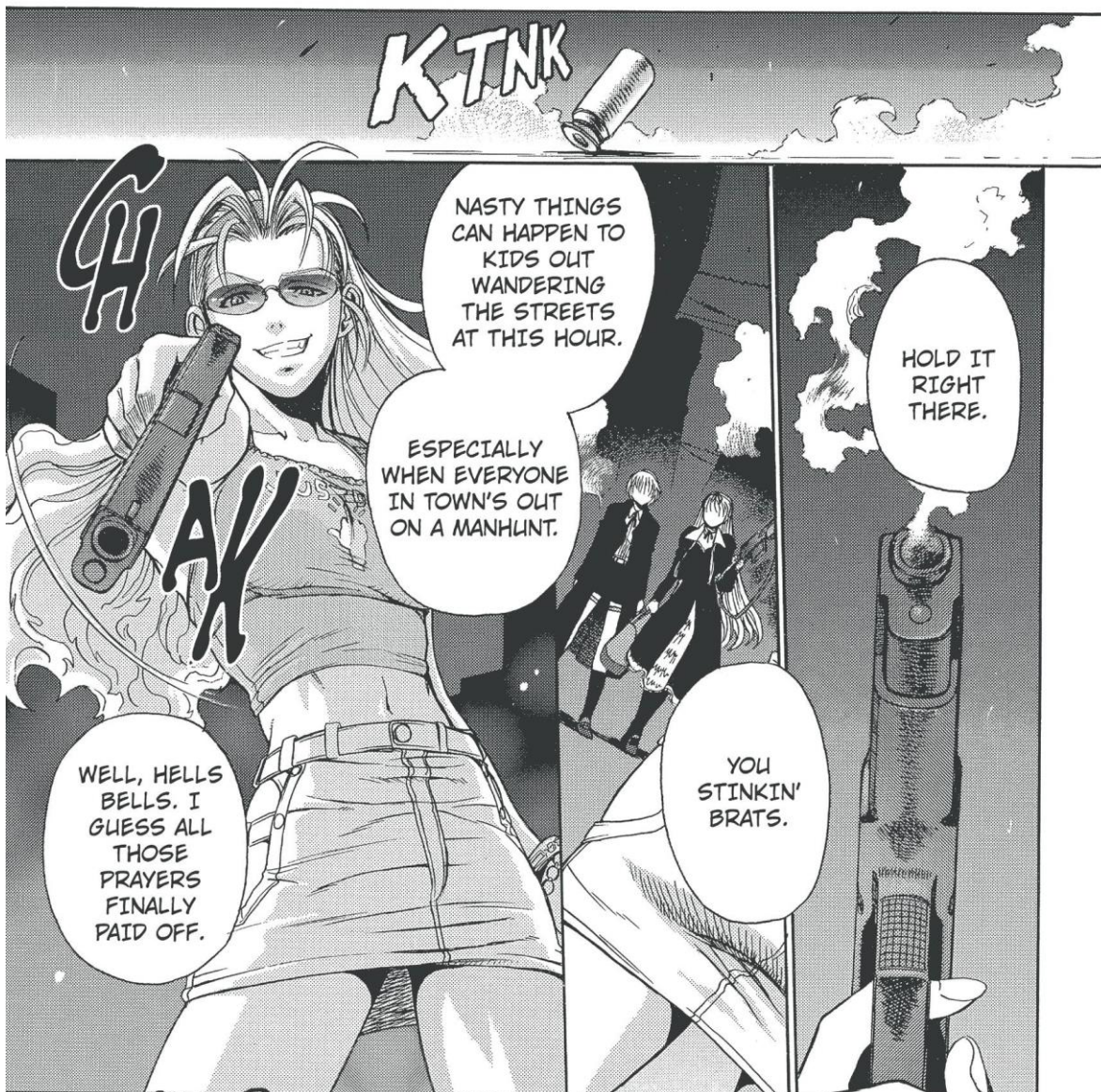
ZAK ZAK

ZAK









...THAT'S ON
OUR HEADS?

WHAT'S
THE
BOUNTY...

THIS IS
THE MONEY
THAT WE
TOOK FROM
VERROCCHIO'S
OFFICES.

WE'D LOVE
TO HAVE A
SHOOTOUT
WITH YOU,
BUT WE HAVE
URGENT
BUSINESS
TO SEE TO.

WHAT WOULD
YOU SAY IF WE
OFFERED YOU
100 GRAND TO
SAY YOU NEVER
SAW US?

80
GRAND.

...I SAID
DON'T
MOVE!

GOOD-
NESS,
THAT'S A
FORTUNE.

BUT
PERHAPS
WE CAN
MAKE A
DEAL?

IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'RE
ON SOME
ERRAND
RUN.

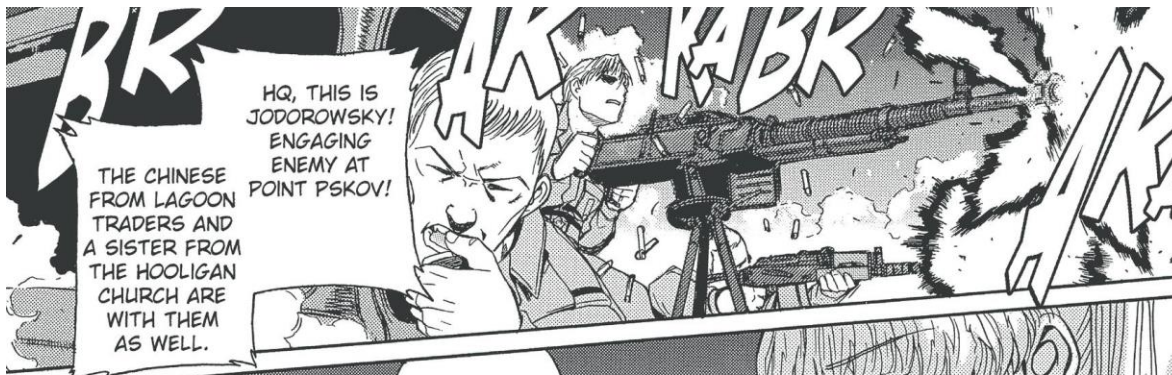
HMPH. IT'LL
TAKE MORE
THAN THAT.

HOW
ABOUT...

...150
GRAND
THEN?







THE CHINESE FROM LAGOON TRADERS AND A SISTER FROM THE HOOLIGAN CHURCH ARE WITH THEM AS WELL.

HQ, THIS IS JODOROWSKY! ENGAGING ENEMY AT POINT PSKOV!

ROGER! OVER AND OUT!!

YOU ARE CLEARED TO NEUTRALIZE THEM IF THEY GET IN THE WAY.

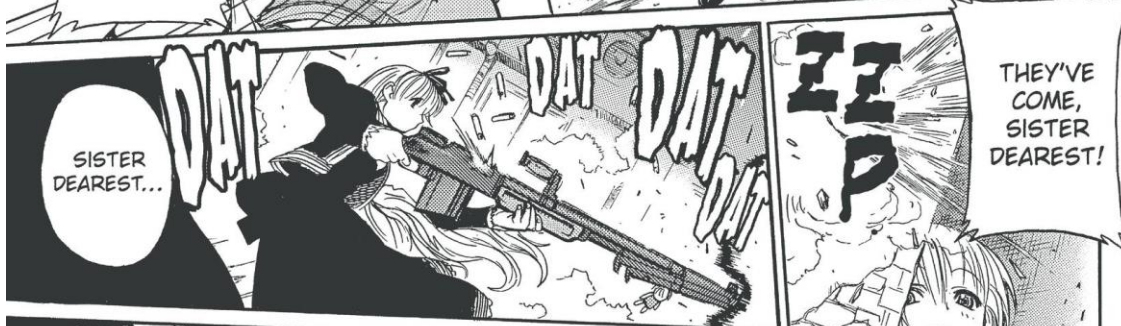
THOSE TWO ARE NOT IN OUR PLANS.



BACK OFF, EDA!!

THAT'S HOTEL MOSCOW !!

THOSE PRICKS !!



SISTER DEAREST...

THEY'VE COME, SISTER DEAREST!



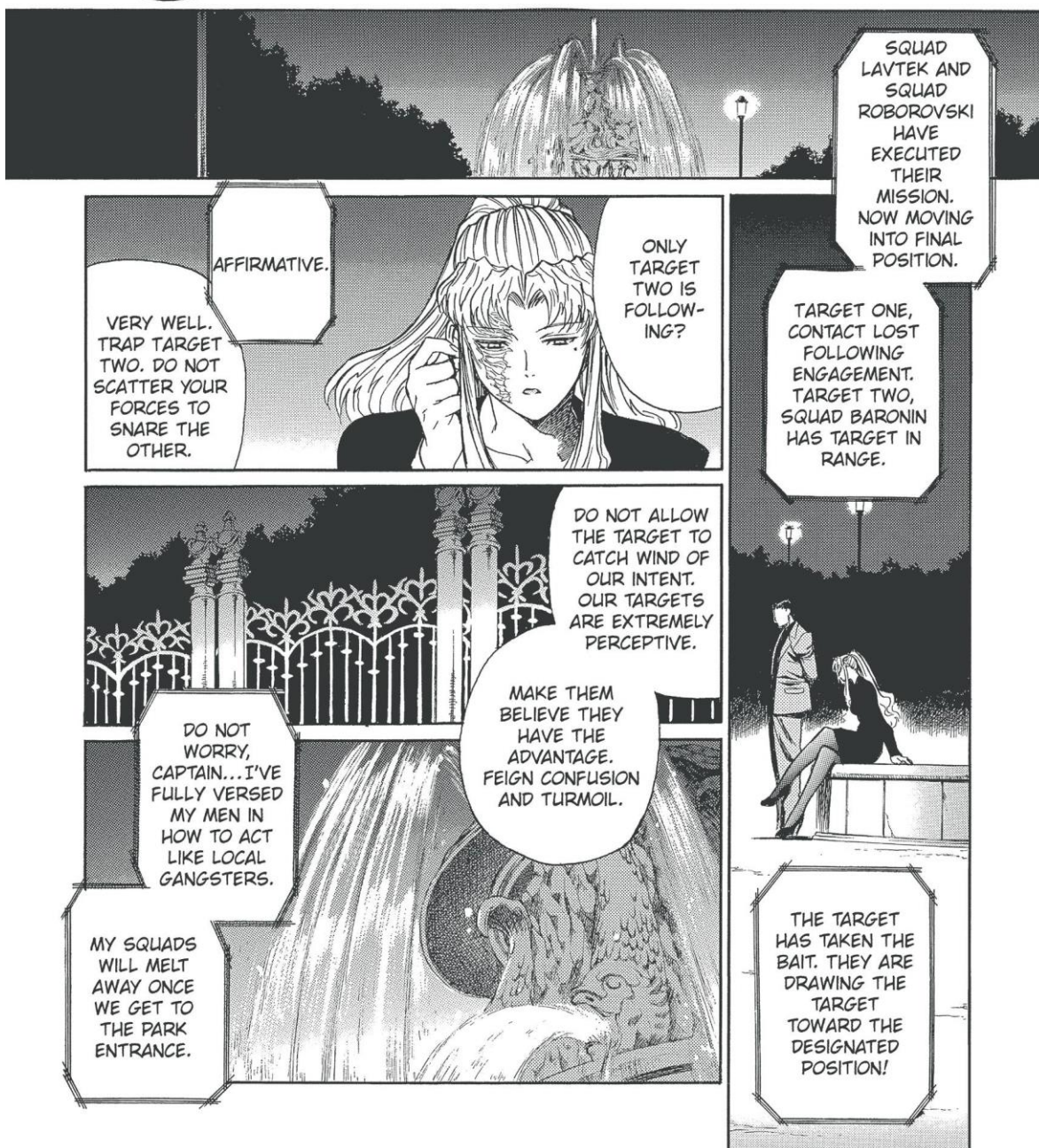
SPLendid, BROTHER DEAREST.

WE'LL SPLIT UP AND HUNT DOWN THE RUSSIANS.

WE MUST THROW THE RUSSIANS INTO CONFUSION.

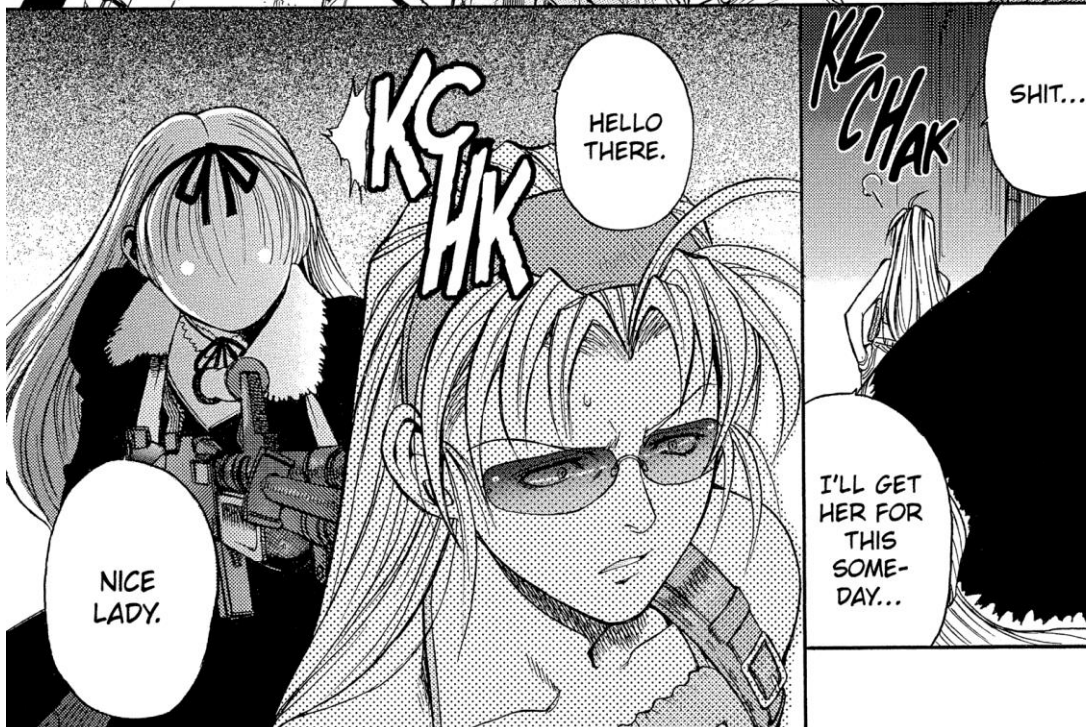
IF WE CAN SCATTER THEM, THEY'LL BE SURE TO RETURN TO THEIR NEST.

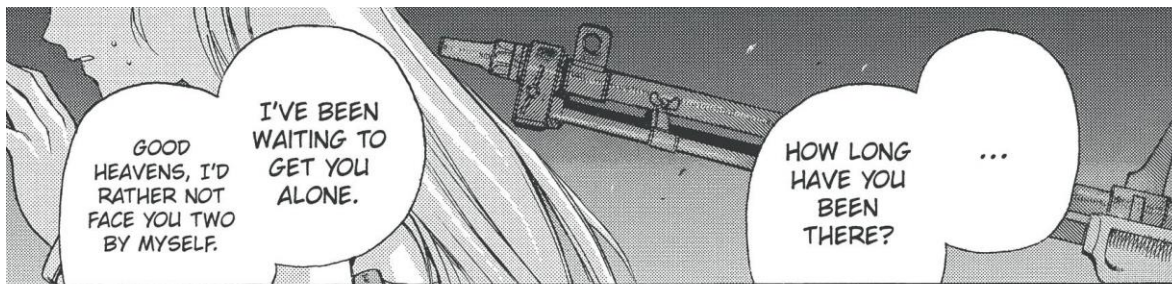
THE RUSSIANS !











GOOD
HEAVENS, I'D
RATHER NOT
FACE YOU TWO
BY MYSELF.

I'VE BEEN
WAITING TO
GET YOU
ALONE.

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
BEEN
THERE?

...



BUT WE'VE
ALREADY KILLED
OFF VERROCCHIO
AND HIS GANG.
THEY WERE
SUPPOSED TO
TAKE CARE OF
OUR GETAWAY.

ONCE MY DEAR
BROTHER
KILLS THAT
RUSSIAN
WOMAN, WE'LL
NEED TO GET
AWAY QUICKLY.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'D LIKE
YOUR HELP
WITH, NICE
LADY.

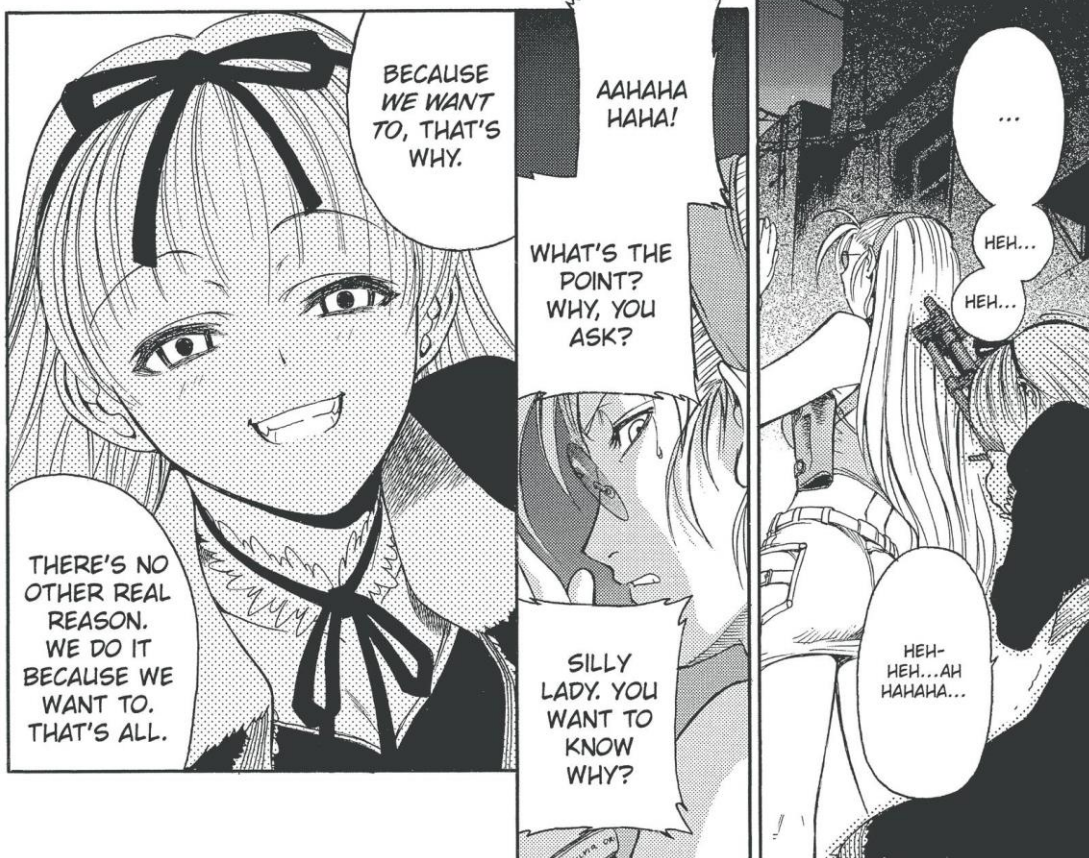


WHY KEEP
DOING THIS?
WHAT'S THE
POINT?

AND WHAT IS THE
POINT OF GOING
AFTER BALALAIKA?
VERROCCHIO'S DEAD,
THERE'S NOTHING
THAT SAYS YOU
CAN'T BACK OUT
NOW.

YOU KNEW
ALL THAT, AND
YOU KILLED
VERROCCHIO
ANYWAY?

YOU
IDIOT...



BECAUSE
WE WANT
TO, THAT'S
WHY.

AAHAHA
HAHA!

WHAT'S THE
POINT?
WHY, YOU
ASK?

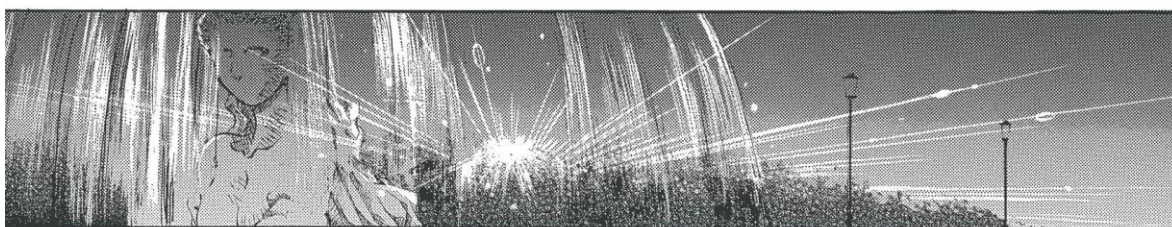
SILLY
LADY. YOU
WANT TO
KNOW
WHY?

THERE'S NO
OTHER REAL
REASON.
WE DO IT
BECAUSE WE
WANT TO.
THAT'S ALL.

HEH...

HEH...

HEH-
HEH...AH
HAHAHA...





WELL, WHAT
SHALL WE
DO?

MAYBE WE
SHOULD HAVE
A LITTLE
CHAT?

WHY DON'T WE
TALK ABOUT
THE MEN OF
YOURS THAT
WE KILLED?

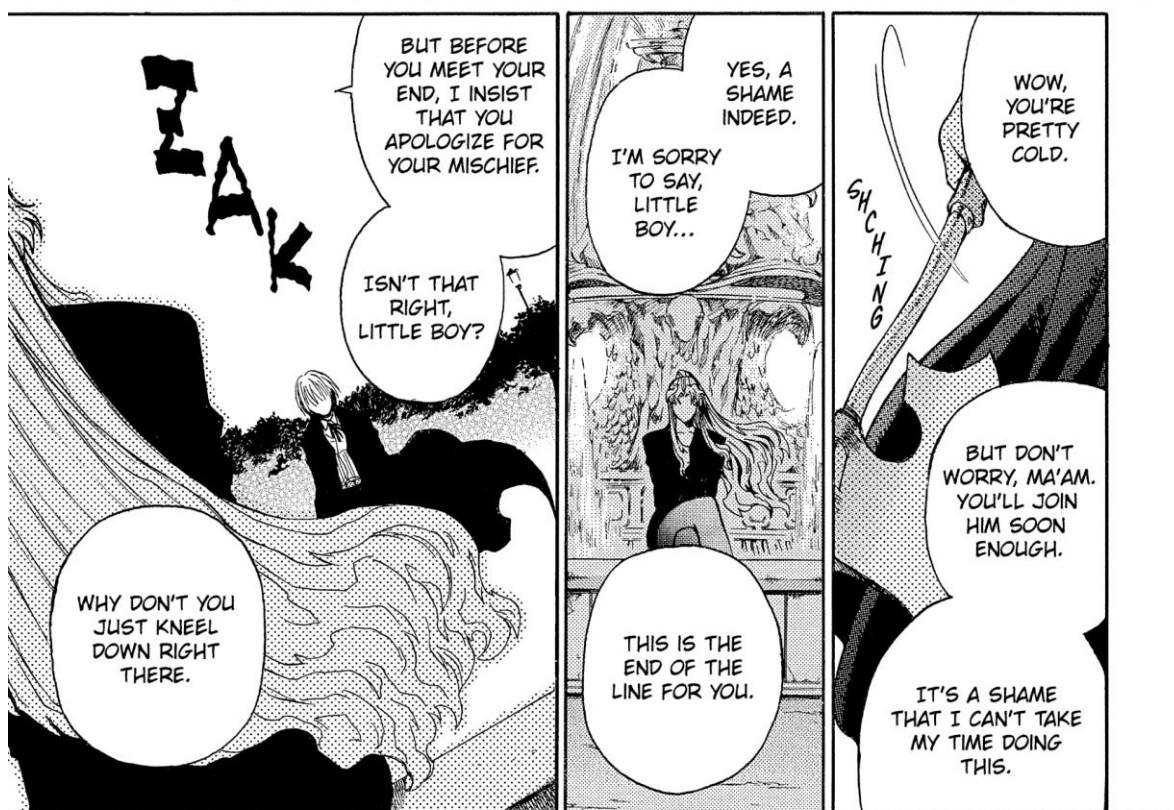
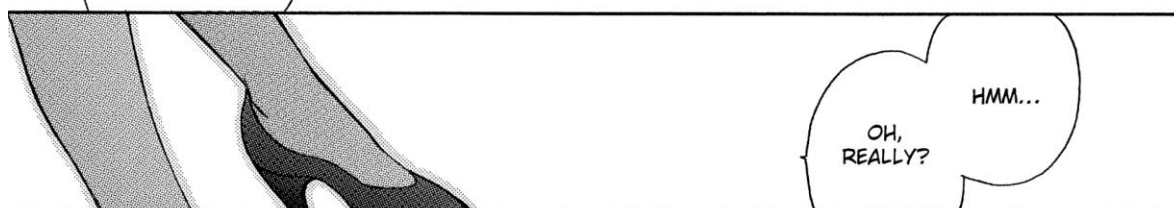


YOU
SENSED ME
COMING,
DID YOU?

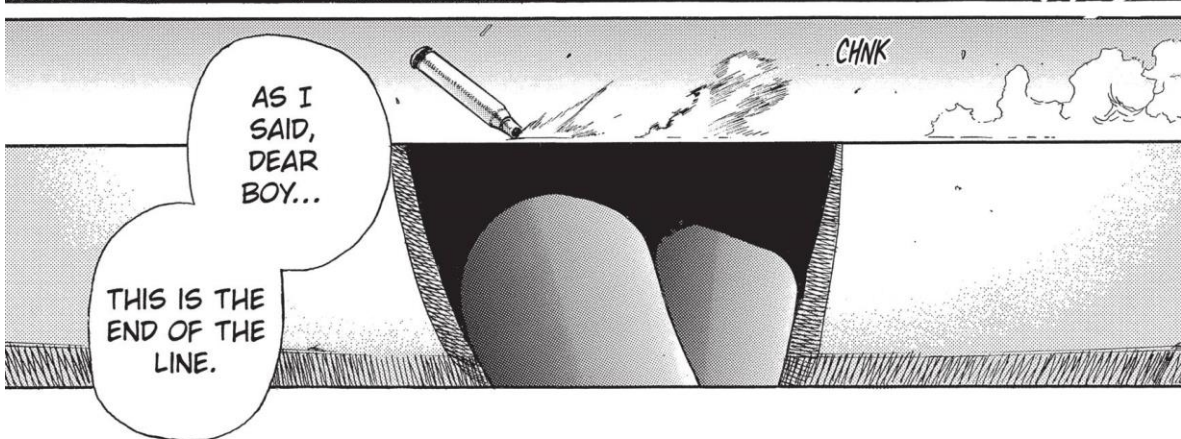
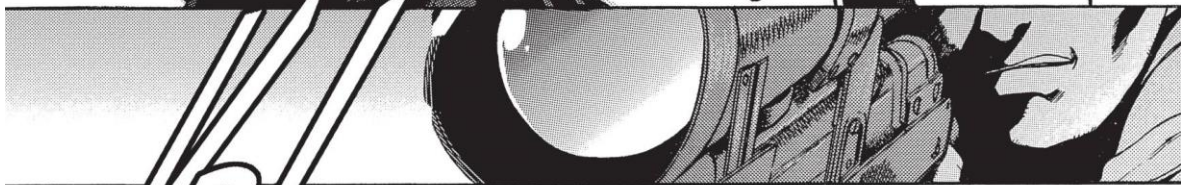
YOU'RE VERY
IMPRESSIVE,
MA'AM. AND
YOUR MEN ARE
GOOD TOO.

I CHASED
THEM ALL
AROUND, BUT
THEY ALL GOT
AWAY BEFORE
I COULD KILL
ANY OF
THEM.













THAT MEANS WE
CAN LIVE THAT
MUCH LONGER. WE
HAVE SO MANY
MORE...MORE
LIVES.

I'VE KILLED
SO MANY
PEOPLE
ALREADY.

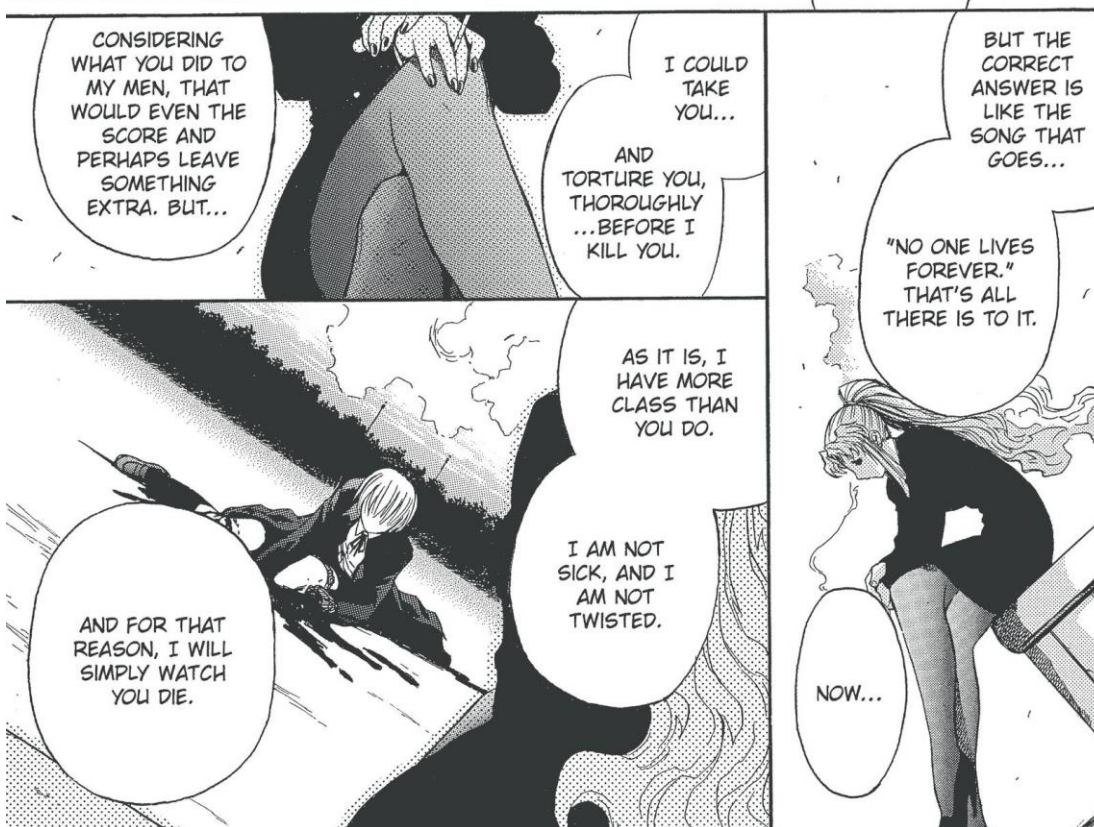
WE'RE
IMMORTAL.
GOOD HEAVENS,
YES. WE NEVER,
EVER DIE...

I'VE KILLED
LOTS AND LOTS
AND LOTS AND
LOTS.



QUITE AN
ADMIRABLE
WAY TO SEE
THE WORLD.

IT THAT
WHAT YOU
BELIEVE?



CONSIDERING
WHAT YOU DID TO
MY MEN, THAT
WOULD EVEN THE
SCORE AND
PERHAPS LEAVE
SOMETHING
EXTRA. BUT...

I COULD
TAKE
YOU...

AND
TORTURE YOU,
THOROUGHLY
...BEFORE I
KILL YOU.

BUT THE
CORRECT
ANSWER IS
LIKE THE
SONG THAT
GOES...

"NO ONE LIVES
FOREVER."
THAT'S ALL
THERE IS TO IT.

AS IT IS, I
HAVE MORE
CLASS THAN
YOU DO.

I AM NOT
SICK, AND I
AM NOT
TWISTED.

AND FOR THAT
REASON, I WILL
SIMPLY WATCH
YOU DIE.

NOW...



I OFFER
UP THESE
VERY LAST
MOMENTS OF
YOUR LIFE...

WITH THOSE
BULLET
WOUNDS, YOU
WON'T LAST
MORE THAN
10 MINUTES.

...TO THE SOULS
OF SAKHAROV
AND MENSHOV
TO GIVE THEM
PEACE.



UMNFF.

HMNPH.

LRMNFF.



...

'NFF...

MFF...



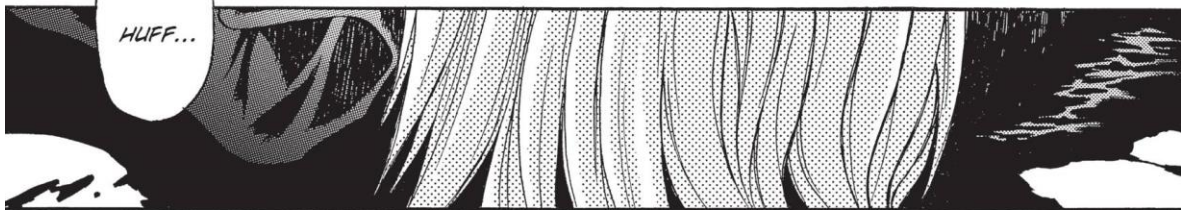
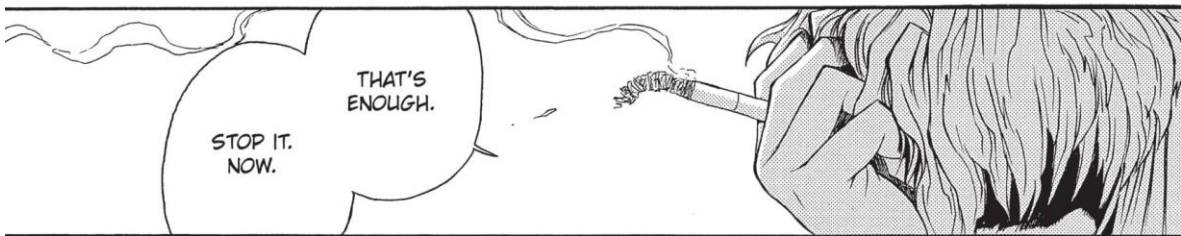
THINK



...

...ALTHOUGH I
DOUBT...

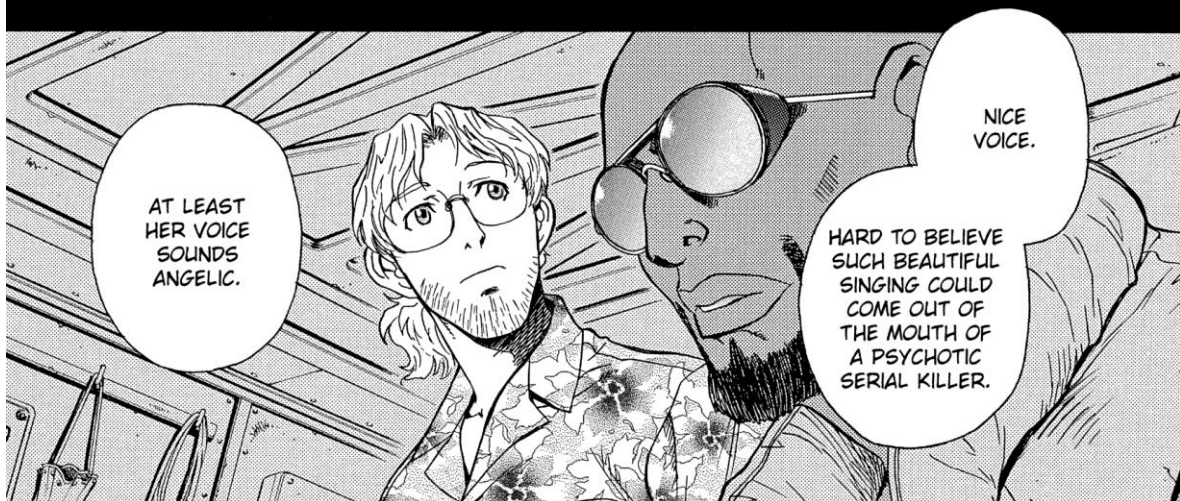
...YOU'D
UNDERSTAND
ANY OF THIS...







Chapter 15: Bloodsport Fairy Tale - Part V





WHO'D HAVE
THOUGHT THAT
THE SERIAL KILLER
WHO BROUGHT ON
ROANAPUR'S
NIGHT OF HORROR
WOULD HIRE US?

YOU
SAID IT.

BUT I
TELL YA...

TALK
ABOUT A
STRANGE
TURN OF
EVENTS.

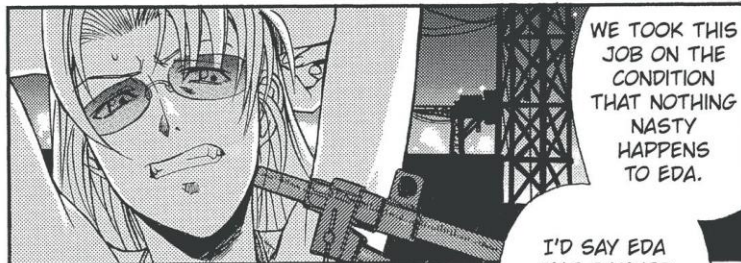


...PLUS, THE
ADDED BONUS
OF FIFTY CASES
OF 12.7 MM
AMMUNITION
FOR FREE.

EVEN BETTER
IS THE 150
THOUSAND
DOLLAR FEE
WE'RE
GETTING...

HEH.

WHAT THE HELL,
A CLIENT'S A
CLIENT. JOBS
LIKE THIS ARE
JUST BUSINESS
AS USUAL FOR
US, RIGHT?



WE TOOK THIS
JOB ON THE
CONDITION
THAT NOTHING
NASTY
HAPPENS
TO EDA.

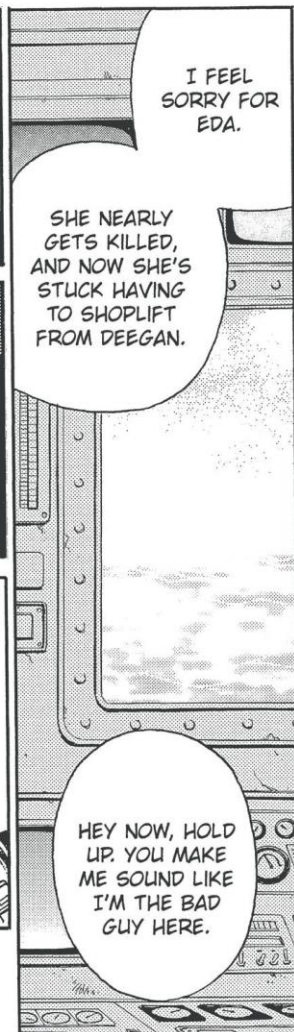


I'D SAY EDA
WAS DAMNED
LUCKY. HAVING
TO SWIPE SOME
AMMO TO STAY
ALIVE IS A
BARGAIN IN
MY BOOK.



HOW
'BOUT IT,
BENNY
BOY?

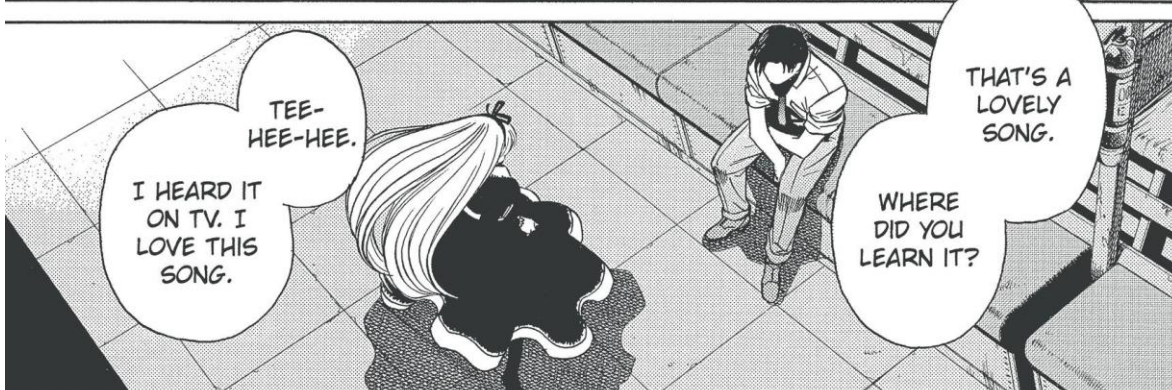
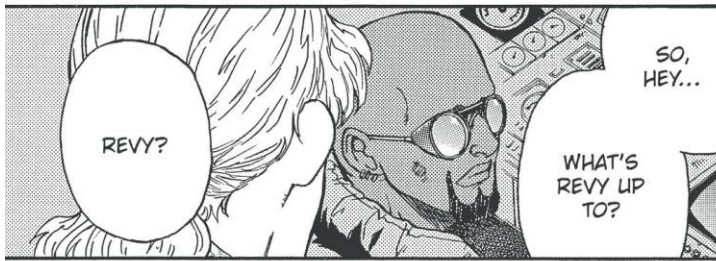
IN FACT, I'M
SO NOBLE
THEY SHOULD
NOMINATE ME
FOR THE NOBEL
PRIZE FOR
HUMANITARIANISM.

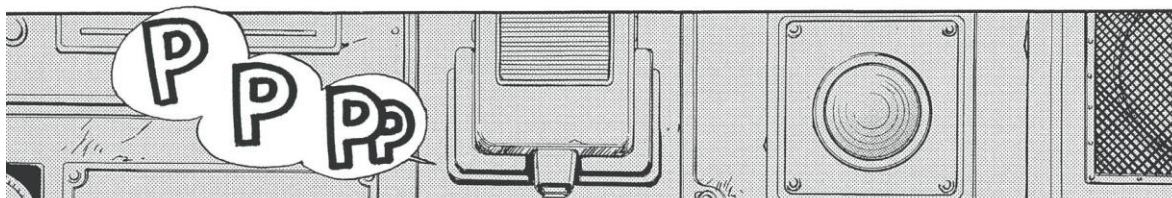
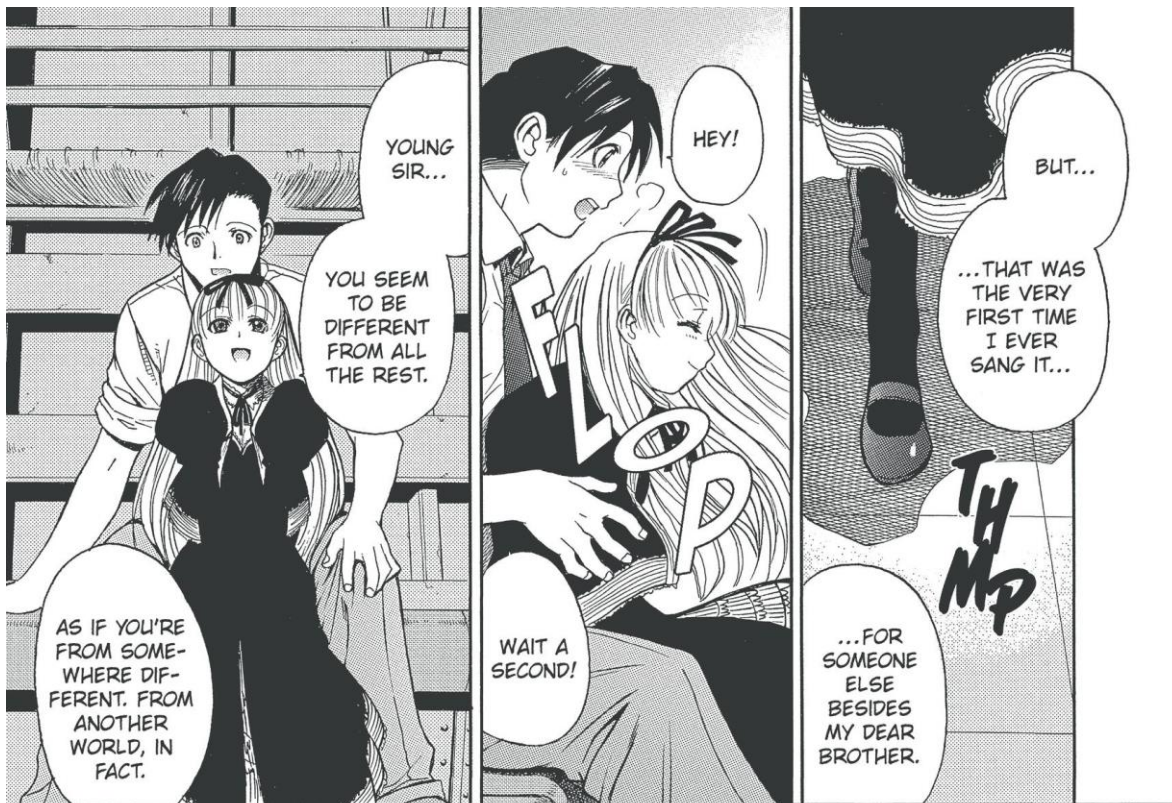


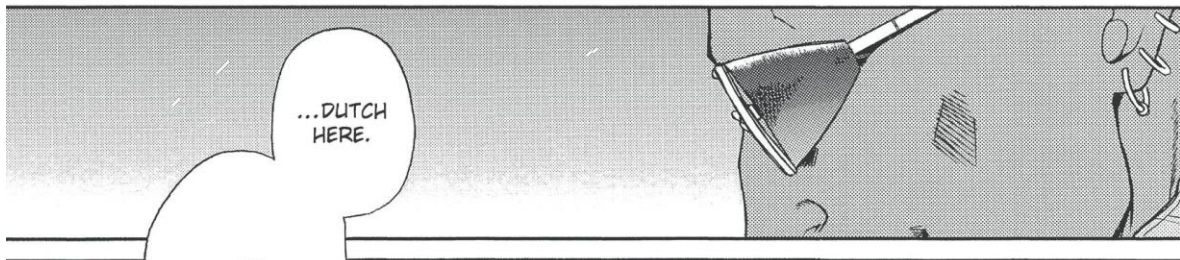
I FEEL
SORRY FOR
EDA.

SHE NEARLY
GETS KILLED,
AND NOW SHE'S
STUCK HAVING
TO SHOPLIFT
FROM DEEGAN.

HEY NOW, HOLD
UP. YOU MAKE
ME SOUND LIKE
I'M THE BAD
GUY HERE.







...DUTCH
HERE.

...IS
THAT YOU,
BALALAIKA?



DUTCH...

WATSAP WAS
GIVING ME A
HARD TIME.

BLOWING HIS
CHANCE TO GET
THAT BOUNTY
MONEY MUST
HAVE REALLY
RILED HIM UP.



I ASSUME
YOU KNOW
WHY I'M
CALLING.



OF
COURSE.

OUR FEE
FOR THIS
JOB FULLY
MATCHES THE
RISK. FEEL
FREE TO COME
AFTER US.

LISTEN...

...ARE YOU
AWARE OF
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING?



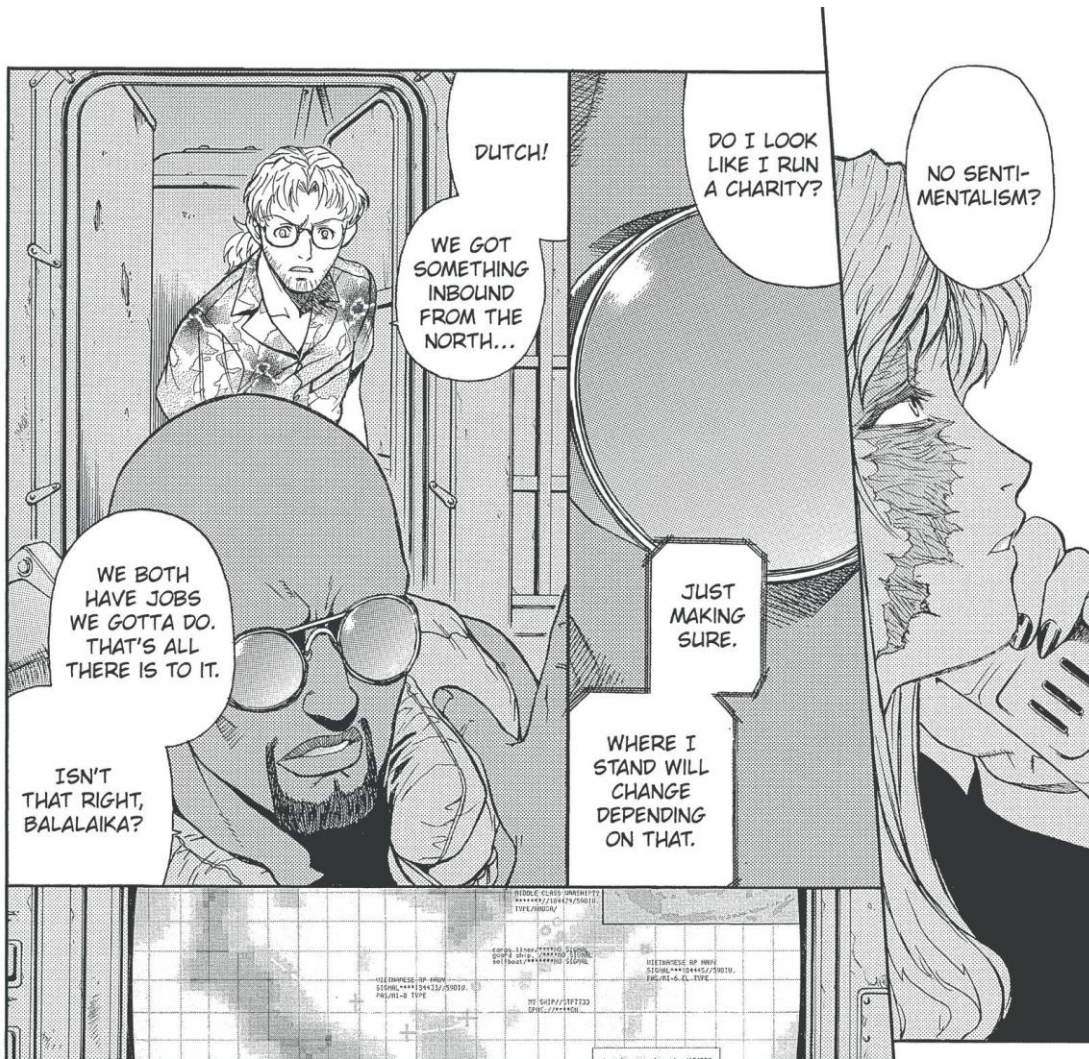
DUTCH...

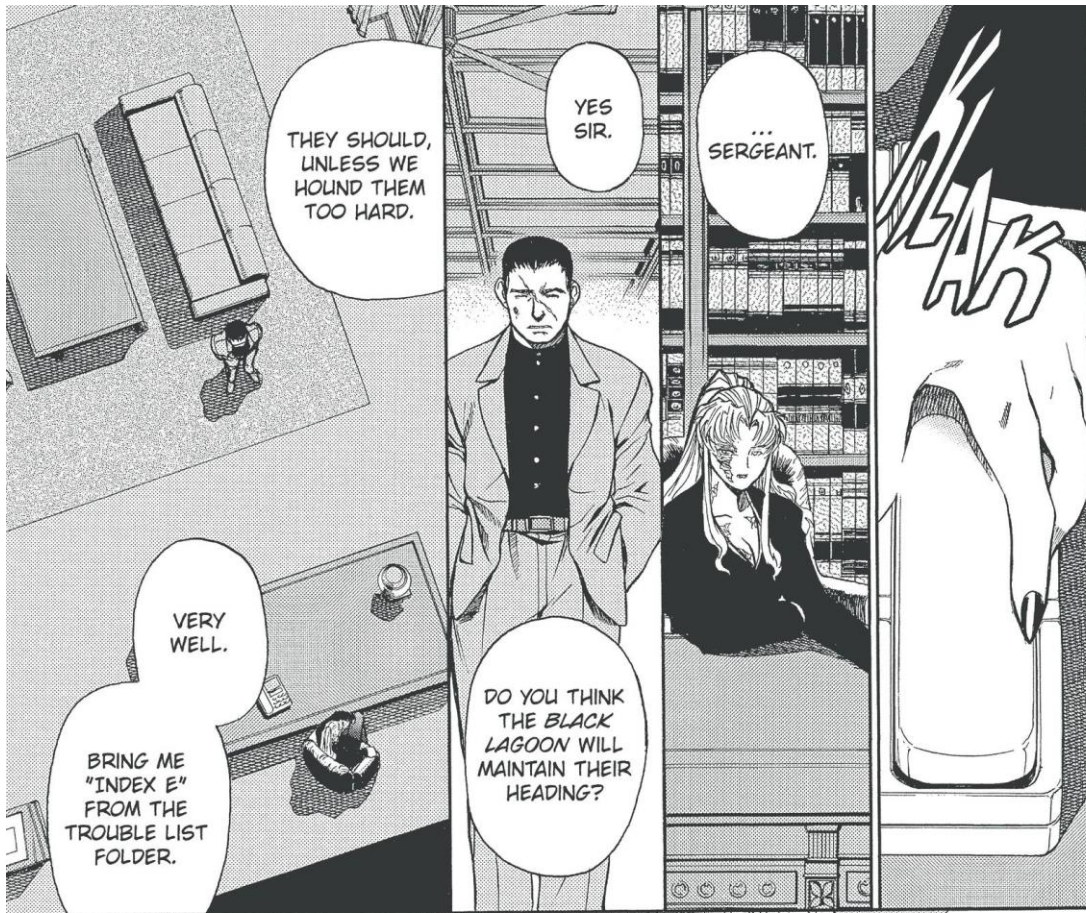
WE'RE
COURIERS,
AFTER ALL.
WE'RE
ALWAYS
UP FOR
A CHASE.



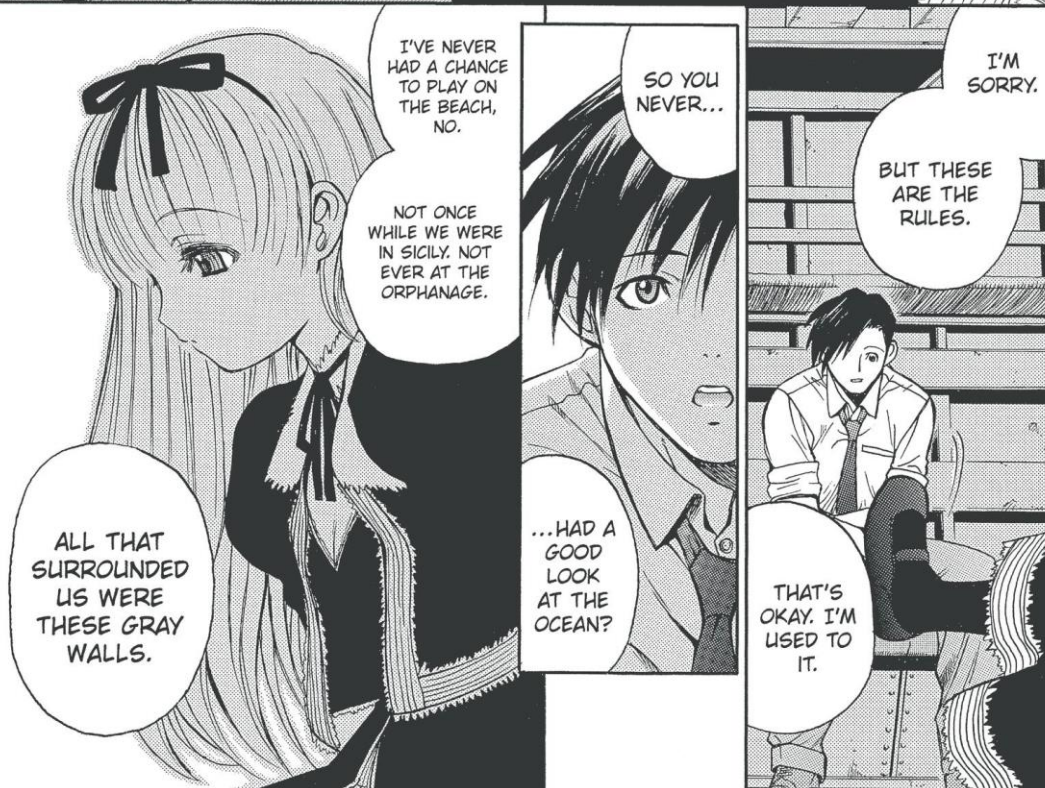
HELL, YEAH.
IT'S NOT
LIKE I WAS
TRYING TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET.

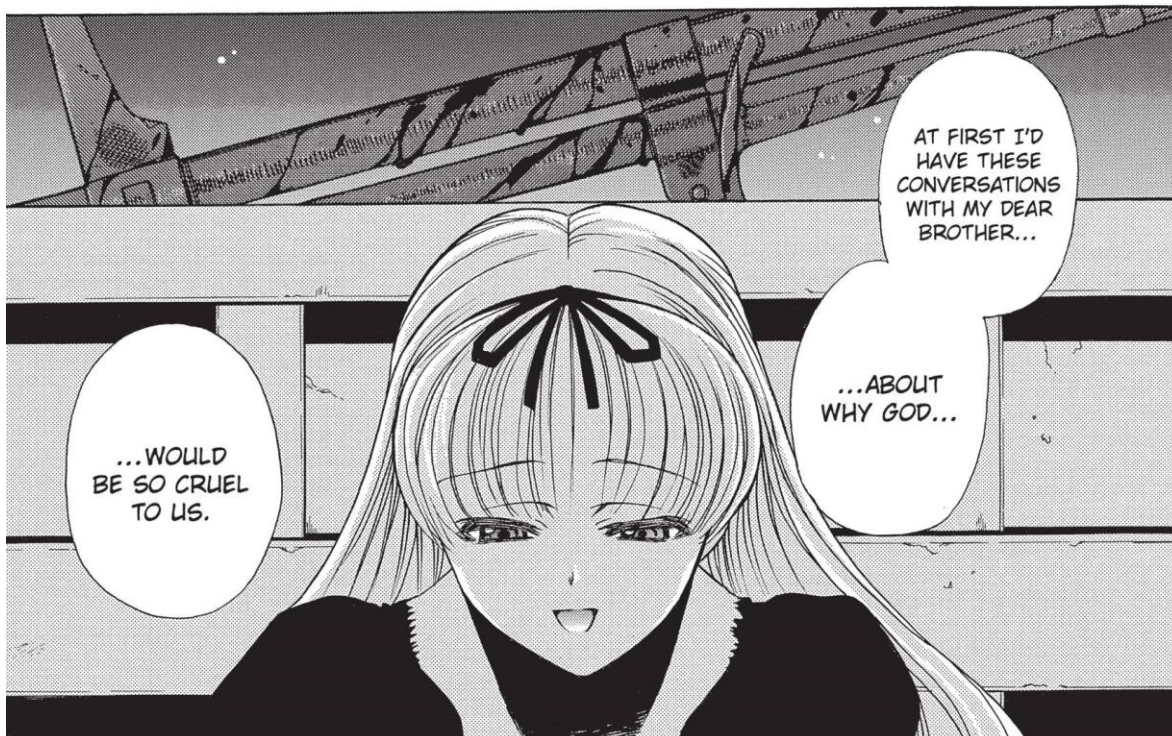
I'M
SURPRISED
IT TOOK YOU
THIS LONG
TO CALL.

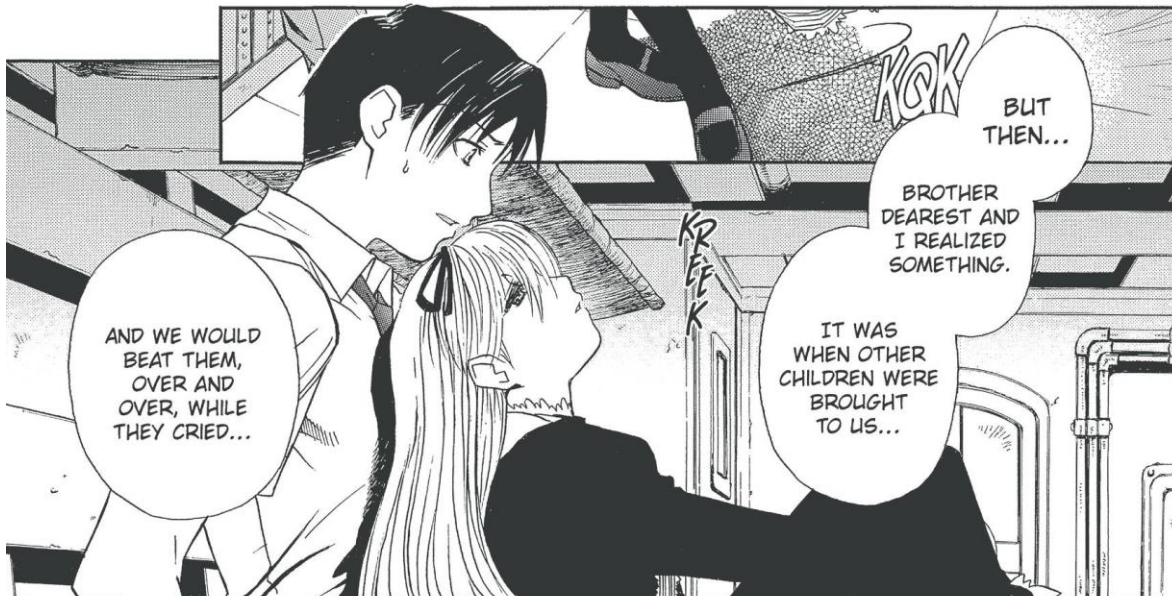












AND WE WOULD
BEAT THEM,
OVER AND
OVER, WHILE
THEY CRIED...

BUT
THEN...

BROTHER
DEAREST AND
I REALIZED
SOMETHING.

IT WAS
WHEN OTHER
CHILDREN WERE
BROUGHT
TO US...



LAUGHING OUT
LOUD, I THOUGHT
TO MYSELF, "THIS
MUST BE HOW IT'S
ALL SET UP."

EVERYONE
THERE WAS
LAUGHING.

MY BROTHER
DEAREST AND
I LAUGHED,
AS WELL.



A FORCE
GENERATED
WHEN A
PERSON
TAKES THE
LIFE OF
ANOTHER.

SOME FORCE
THAT TURNS
THE EARTH
LIKE THE
WHEEL OF A
BICYCLE.

YES.

I CAN RECALL
HOW BROTHER
DEAREST ONCE
TOLD ME GOD
CREATED IT ALL
THIS WAY.



WE'D KILL AND
KILL, AND KILL
SOME MORE.
AND THAT
WOULD MAKE
THE WORLD GO
AROUND.

...THEN
THAT WAS
THE REASON
FOR OUR
EXISTENCE.

IF THE
WORLD WAS
CREATED
FOR THAT
PURPOSE...



DOESN'T
THAT MAKE
YOU SAD?

FSK

BUT YOUR
BROTHER DIED
BECAUSE
OF THAT
ARRANGEMENT
...



THIS WORLD
WOULDN'T EXIST
IF WE DIDN'T
HAVE TO KILL.
THAT'S WHY WE
EXIST, WHY
EVERYONE ELSE
EXISTS.

A LONG,
LONG
TIME...AND
WE'LL KEEP
ON KILLING,
SO THAT
THE WORLD
WILL KEEP
ON TURN-
ING.

WE'VE
BEEN
KILLING
FOR A
LONG
TIME.



WE'VE
COME TO
LOVE IT
ALL!

THE STENCH
OF BLOOD. THE
SCREAMS.
THE WARMTH
OF VITAL
ORGANS...

SO YOU
SEE, YOUNG
SIR...

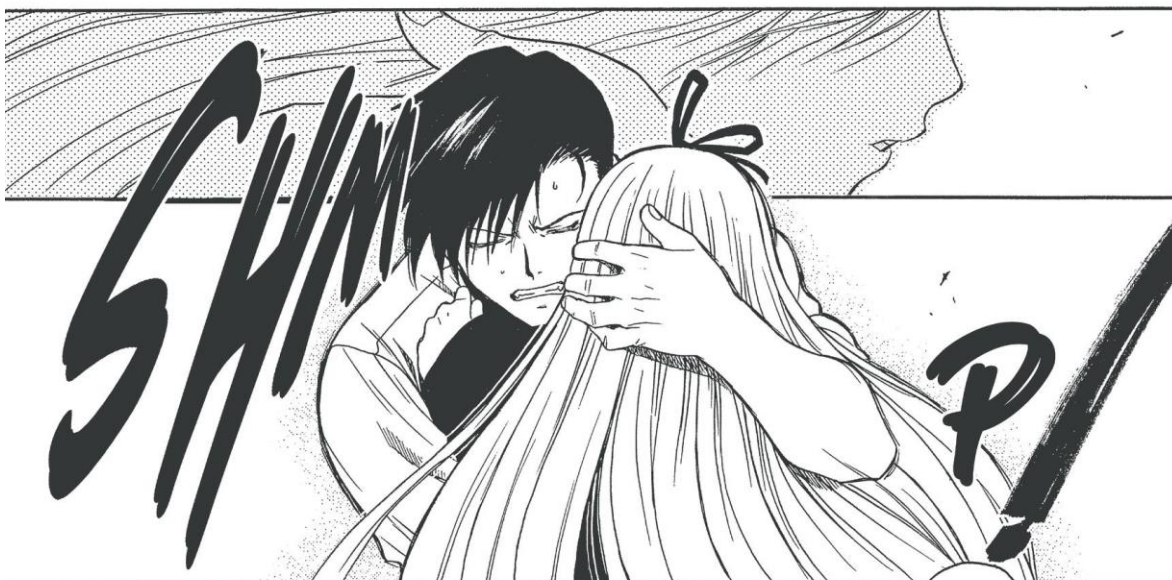
KILLING
DOESN'T
MAKE US
SAD.

AFTER ALL,
WE NEVER DIE.
WE'RE PART OF
THE ETERNAL
CYCLE.

I'M RIGHT
HERE. I'M
ALWAYS WITH
MY SISTER
DEAREST.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT,
YOUNG SIR?





THAT ISN'T
WHAT THIS
WORLD IS
FOR.

NO.
NO,
THAT'S
WRONG.



THE BLOOD
AND THE
DARKNESS...
THAT'S JUST A
SMALL PART OF
THIS WORLD.

THE WHOLE
WORLD IS NOT
AT ALL LIKE
THAT...IT'S
NOT!!

THE WORLD
EXISTS...TO
BRING YOU
HAPPINESS.

LISTEN
TO ME...



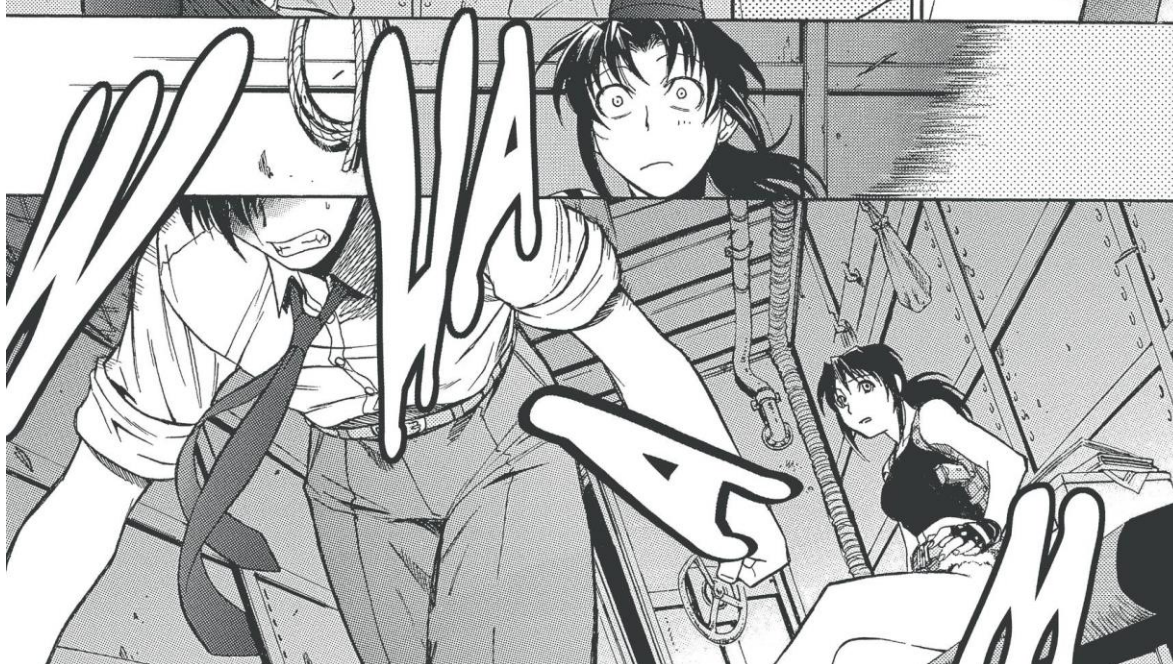
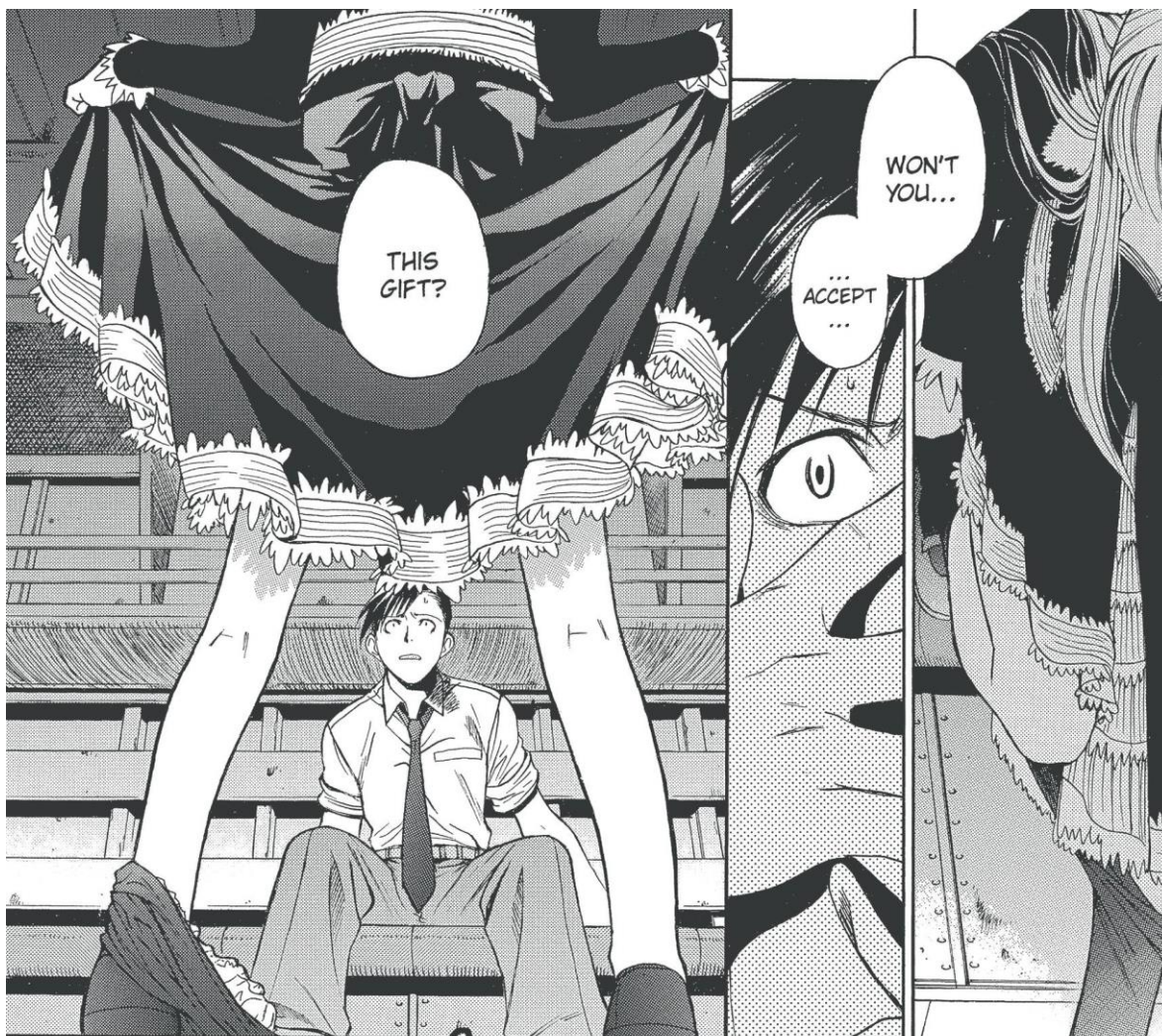
...I'VE
NEVER MET
ANYONE AS
KIND AS
YOU.

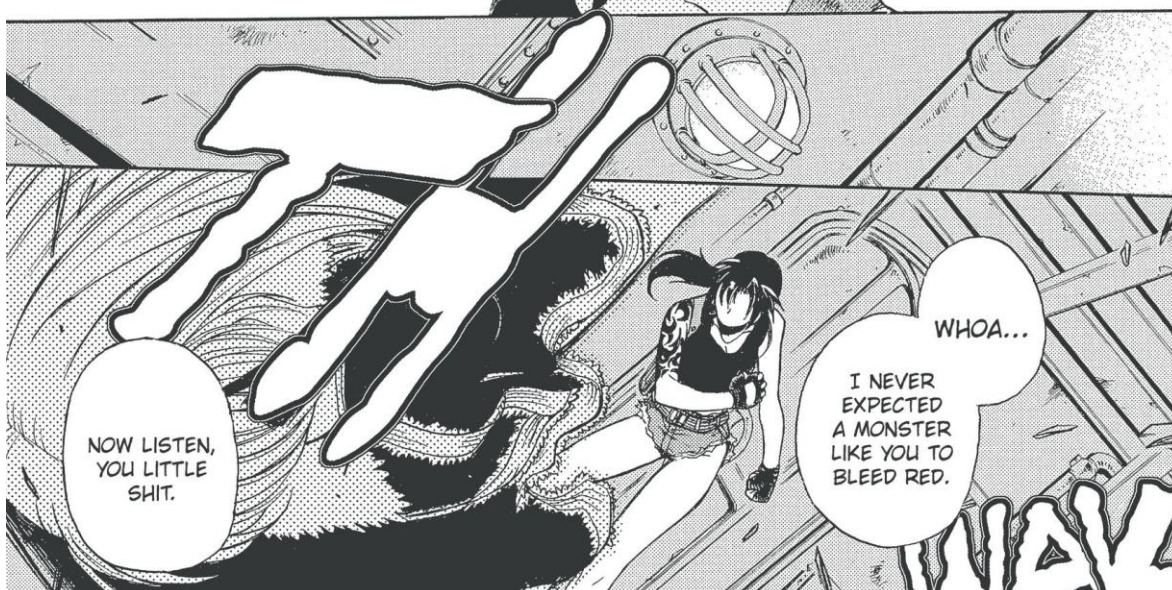
OH
DEAR...



PLEASE
DON'T CRY,
YOUNG SIR.

PLEASE...









THOSE
BASTARDS...

WHY?

DAMN!

DAMN
IT!!

THEY GANGED
UP ON THEM
AND TURNED
THEM INTO
PREDATORS.

PREDATORS
THAT LEARNED
TO LOVE
HUMAN FLESH.
THOSE
INHUMAN
BASTARDS!!

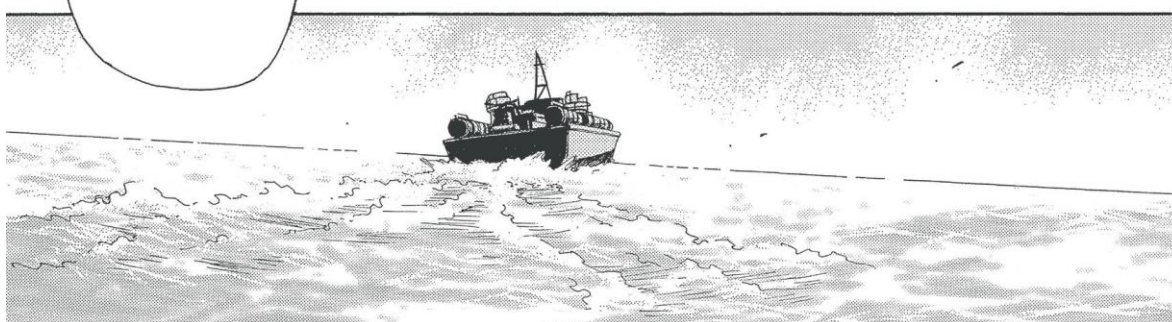
WHO
WOULD DO
SOMETHING
LIKE
THIS...?

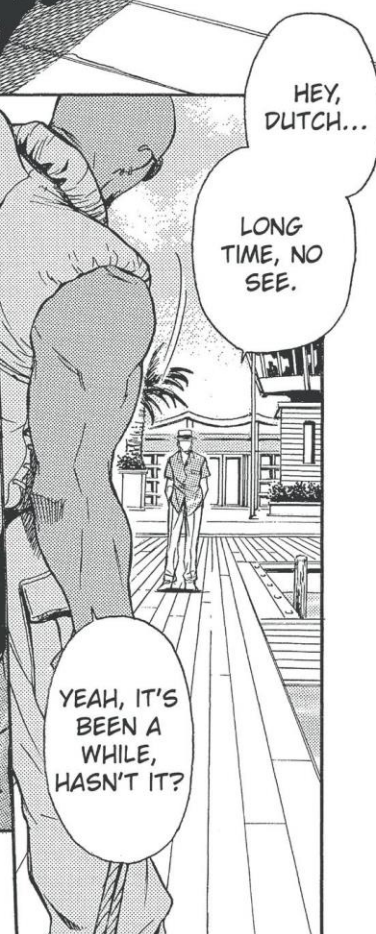
GOD
DAMN
IT!

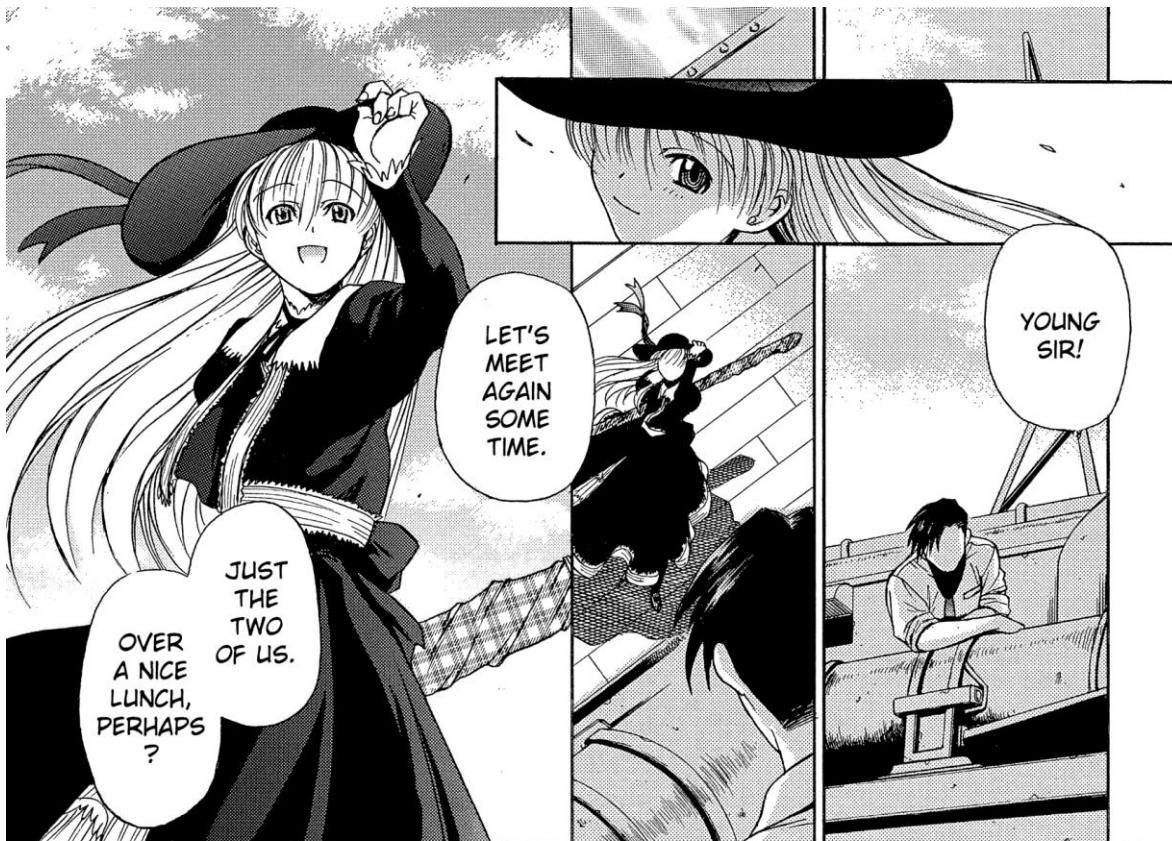
...ROCK...

YOU'VE GOT
TO LEARN
NOT TO
LOOK AT
THESE
THINGS
STRAIGHT
ON.















HOW MANY
DECADES OF
WORK AND
EXPERIENCE HAD
YOU INVESTED,
ELROY? NOW
IT'S ALL GONE.

YOU JUST
FLUSHED
YOUR
CAREER
DOWN THE
TOILET.

HOTEL
MOSCOW,
DUTCH...



WHAT
ELSE?

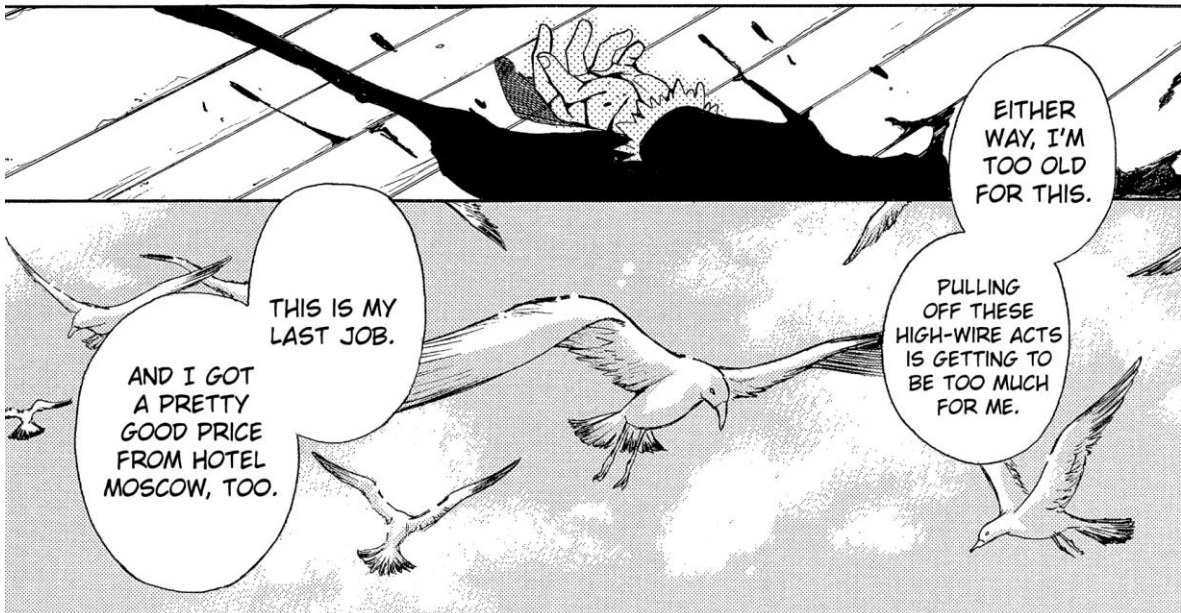


I GOT A
LETTER FROM
HIS WIFE
ABOUT TWO
MONTHS AGO.
HE'S ONLY
34, BUT
SHE SAYS
HE HAS
CANCER.

I GOT A
LETTER FROM
HIS WIFE
ABOUT TWO
MONTHS AGO.

I HAVE A
SON IN
SOUTH
AFRICA.

...

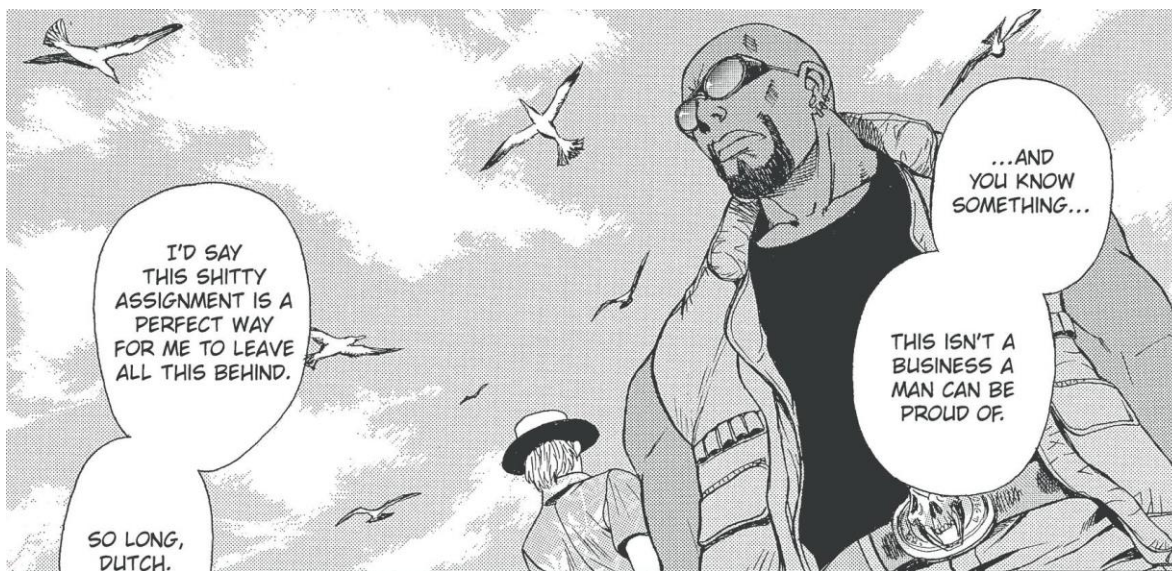


EITHER
WAY, I'M
TOO OLD
FOR THIS.

THIS IS MY
LAST JOB.

AND I GOT
A PRETTY
GOOD PRICE
FROM HOTEL
MOSCOW, TOO.

PULLING
OFF THESE
HIGH-WIRE ACTS
IS GETTING TO
BE TOO MUCH
FOR ME.

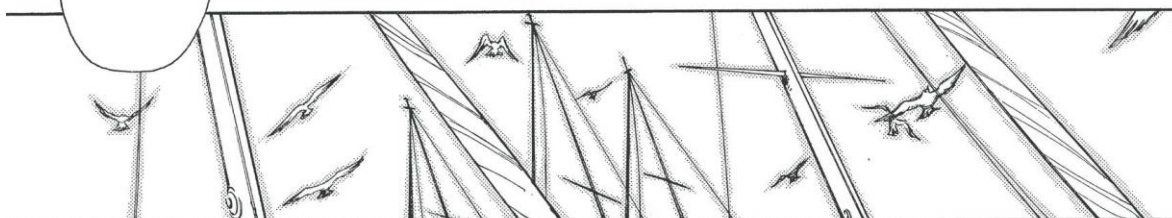


I'D SAY
THIS SHITTY
ASSIGNMENT IS A
PERFECT WAY
FOR ME TO LEAVE
ALL THIS BEHIND.

SO LONG,
DUTCH.

...AND
YOU KNOW
SOMETHING...

THIS ISN'T A
BUSINESS A
MAN CAN BE
PROUD OF.



...NO...

...DUTCH.



ROCK
...

GET OUT A
CANVAS
SHEET.

AT LEAST
WE CAN
COVER UP
THE BODY.



THE
KID'S
LAST
WORDS
WERE...

"THE SKY IS
BEAUTIFUL."
HUH.

CRAP.



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...THE
CARNAGE IS
UNBELIEV-
ABLE.

SO FAR, THE
CONFIRMED
DEATH TOLL
INCLUDES
37 EMBASSY
STAFF
PERSONNEL...

THE EXTERIOR
OF THE
BUILDING HAS
BEEN ALMOST
COMPLETELY
OBLITERATED.

TOTAL
CASUALTIES,
INCLUDING LIGHT
AND SERIOUS
INJURIES, ARE AT
LEAST 150. ZAIRE
ARMY PERSONNEL
CONTINUE TO ENGAGE
IN RESCUE EFFORTS
AT THE SITE.

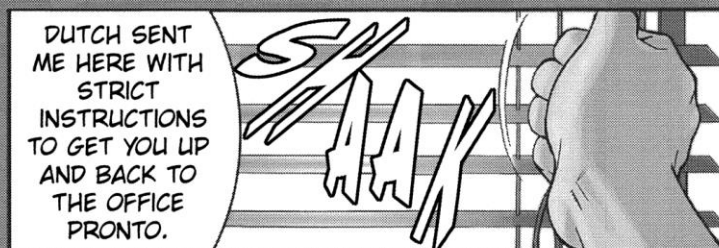
IN LIGHT OF THIS
BOMBING, THE
WHITE HOUSE
HELD A PRESS
CONFERENCE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
THIS MORNING,
WHERE UNITED
STATES NATIONAL
SECURITY ADVISOR
SAMUEL BERGER
STATED...

A STATEMENT
WAS ISSUED
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE
EXPLOSION BY
A GROUP...

...IDENTIFYING
ITSELF AS THE
ISLAMIC FRONT
OF NATIONAL
SALVATION
CLAMING
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE
BOMBING...



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DUTCH SENT
ME HERE WITH
STRICT
INSTRUCTIONS
TO GET YOU UP
AND BACK TO
THE OFFICE
PRONTO.



YEAH, IT'S
ME, REVY.

SOMETHING
ABOUT A BIG
JOB COMING
IN ALL OF A
SUDDEN.



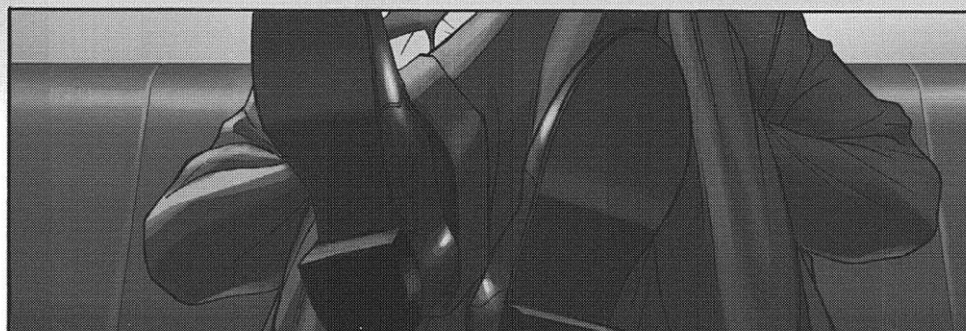
SHM

...
WHO'S
THE
CLIENT?



MISTER
CHANG...

MISTER
CHANG, OF
THE TRIAD.







I GOT THIS
OFF OF A
BULGARIAN
SCUMBAG...
...TRYING TO
MAKE A QUICK
BUCK IN MY
TERRITORY.



LAST I REMEMBER,
THE ONLY OUTFIT
WE ALLOW TO
SELL WEAPONS IN
THIS TOWN IS THE
CHURCH OF VIOLENCE,
RUN BY THAT
HAG...OUR DEAR
SISTER YOLANDA.

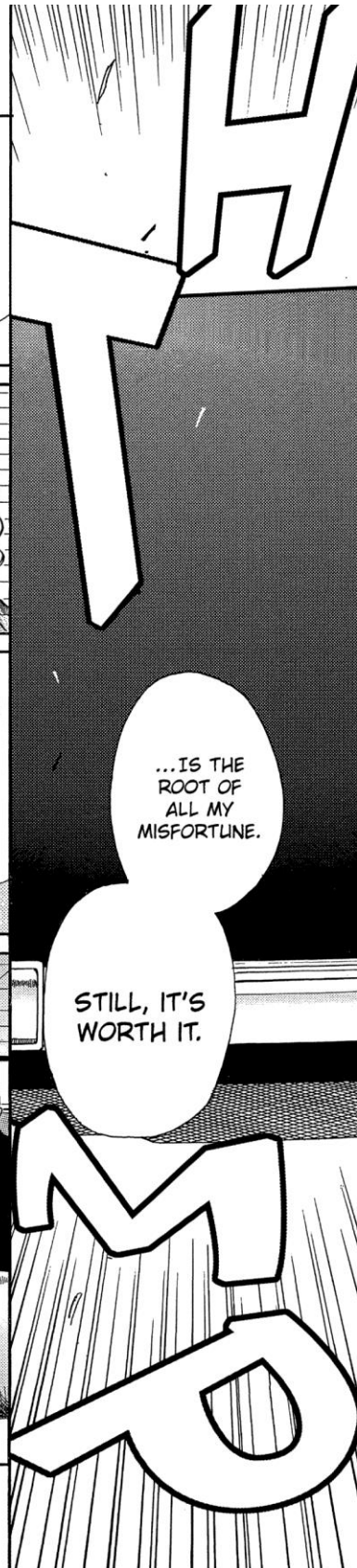


BUT
THIS LOSER
HAD IT ALL
FIGURED
WRONG.

WE CAUGHT
HIM TRYING TO
PEDDLE WEAPONS
LIKE SHRIMP
PUFFS AT A
STREET STALL.



IT SEEMS HE
MISTOOK MY
WARNING AS
SOME KIND OF
JOKE OR
PRANK.



...IS THE
ROOT OF
ALL MY
MISFORTUNE.

STILL, IT'S
WORTH IT.



BY THE TIME
HE FINALLY
WISED UP AND
FIGURED OUT
I WAS FOR
REAL...



AN
EXTREMELY
FOOLISH
MAN, TO
BE SURE.

...HE WAS
THIS CLOSE
TO HAVING HIS
BALLS CRACKED
OPEN LIKE
WALNUTS.



BUT HIS
ANTICS GOT
HIM IN REAL
HOT WATER
THIS TIME.

BUT AS
IT TURNS
OUT, HIS
PROFESSION
IS RATHER
INTERESTING.

HE'S A BULGARIAN
INTELLIGENCE
OPERATIVE. A LOT
OF MEN LIKE
HIM FIND THIS
TOWN VERY
ACCOMMODATING.

HE'S ACTUALLY
QUITE HANDY.
A VERY
WELL-CONNECTED
INDIVIDUAL.



HIS JOB IS TO CONNECT VARIOUS NATIONS AND GROUPS THAT SHARE THESE GOALS.

SORT OF LIKE A GOODWILL DIPLOMAT OF THE UNDERGROUND SCENE.

BEING THE KINDHEARTED MAN THAT I AM...

...I CONTACTED HEZBOLLAH ABOUT THIS LOST ITEM OF THEIRS.

HEZBOLLAH ?!

NOW THAT'S A NASTY BUNCH TO ASSOCIATE WITH.

AS IT TURNS OUT, THAT'S THIS BULGARIAN'S MAIN LINE OF WORK.

YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW THE WORLD IS FULL OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SEE UNCLE SAM WIPED OFF THE MAP.

IN EXCHANGE FOR LEAVING HIS WALNUTS UNCRACKED, HE HANDED OVER...

...THIS DOCUMENT, DUTCH.

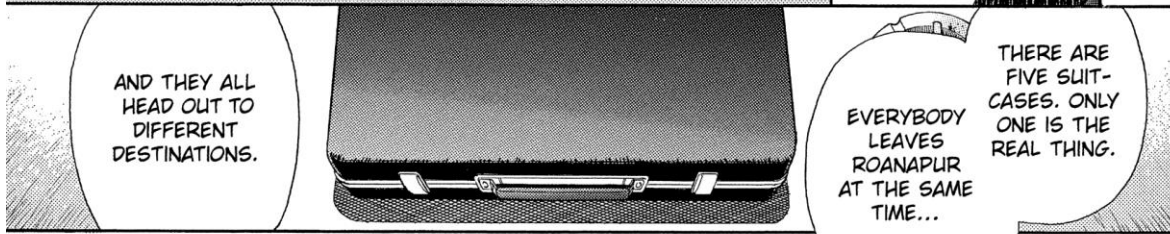
IT'S AN ITINERARY FOR A FUN LITTLE FIELD TRIP THAT HEZBOLLAH IS PLANNING.

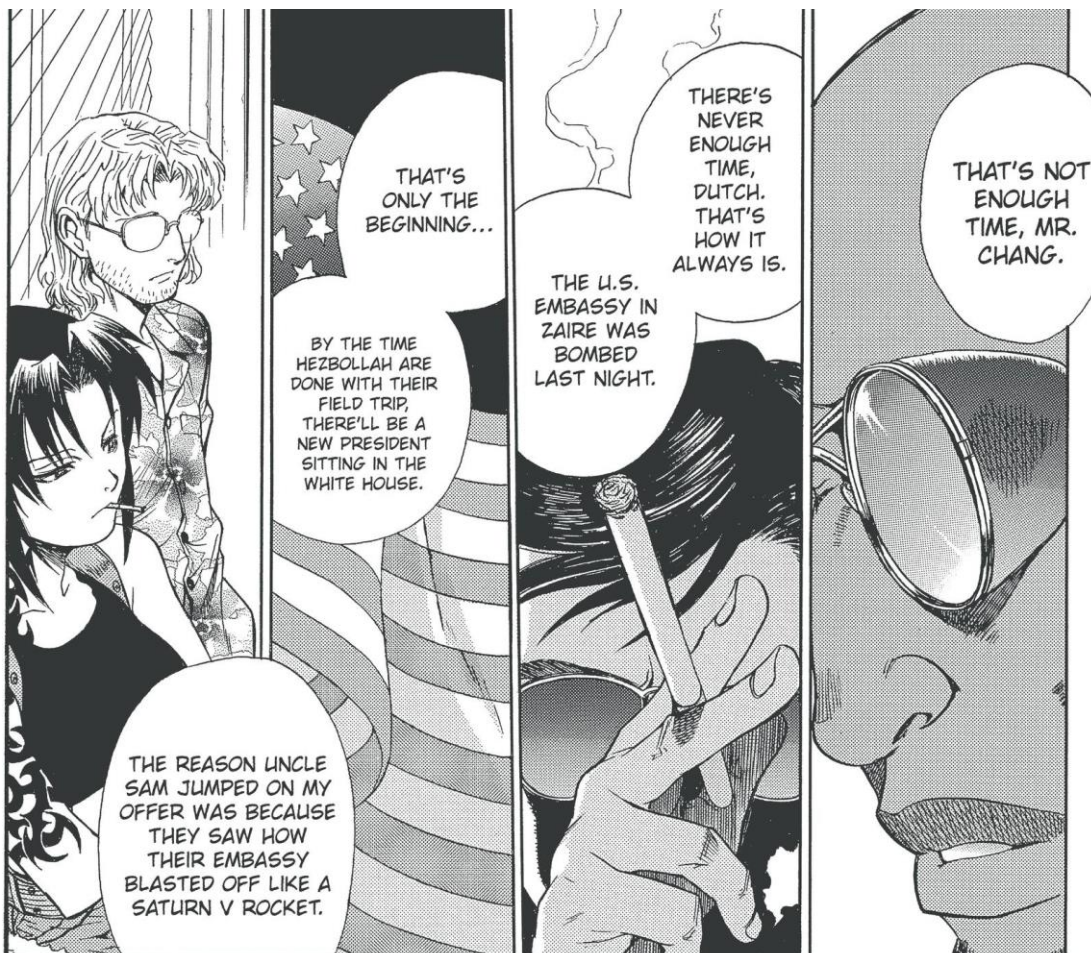
BUT...

WELL, TO THAT, I ANSWERED ...

... "SUIT YOURSELF. I'LL SHOP IT AROUND, THEN."

...WHEN I MENTIONED THAT I WOULD APPRECIATE A FINDER'S FEE, THEY TOLD ME TO GET LOST BEFORE THEY TOASTED MY ASS.









GREAT
BROTHER!!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!



WELL...

...THAT
WAS
QUICK.



NO
DEAL?

IN
THAT CASE
I'M NOT
COVERING
YOUR
REPAIRS.

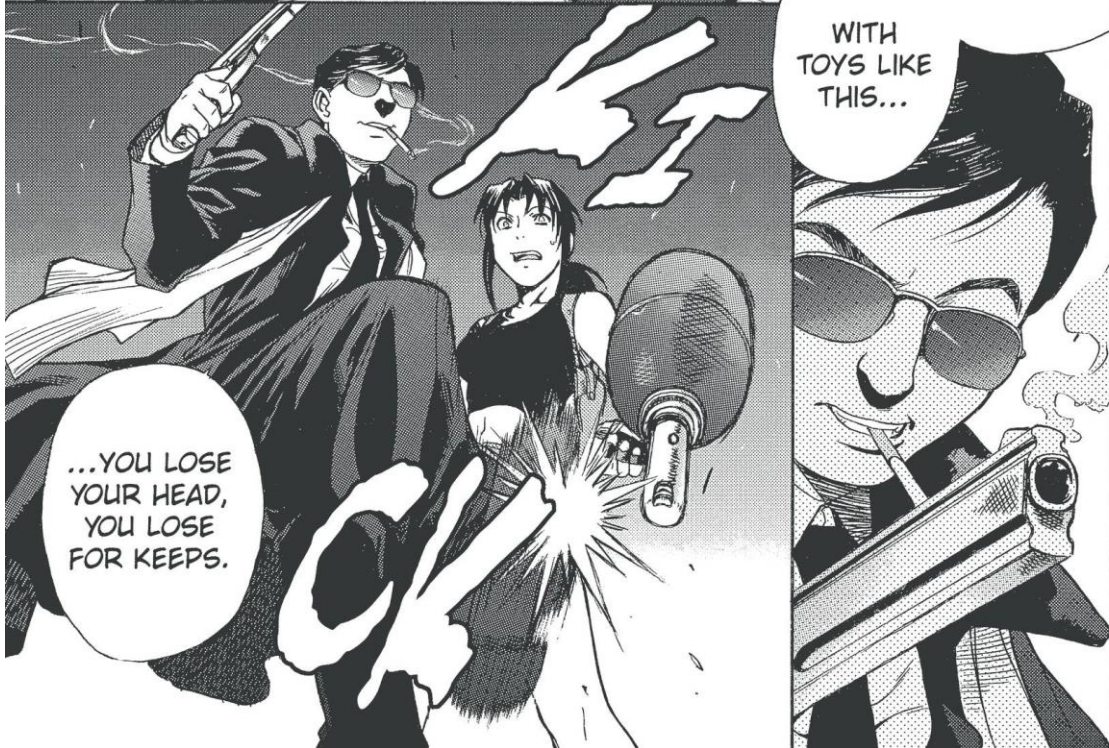
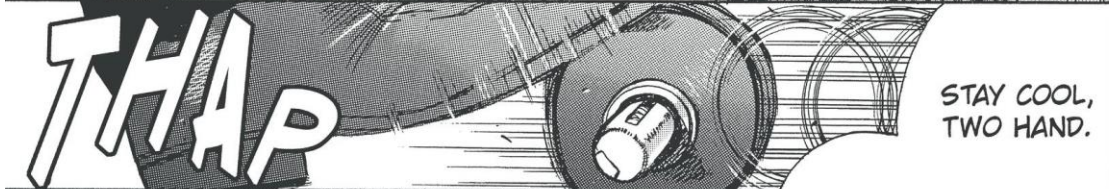
MR. CHANG,
YOU'RE
LEAKING
INTEL LIKE
A SIEVE.

AIN'T NO
WAY WE
CAN WORK
A JOB LIKE
THIS.

















KLIK!

...YOU'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN.

YOU'VE GOT POTENTIAL, BUT...

LIKE PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION TO YOUR FLANKS.

UMMP

A

B

COMING FROM A CHINESE-AMERICAN LIKE YOU, THAT'S VERY ADMIRABLE.

I LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE, REVVY.

SHIT, I DON'T COUNT FOR MUCH COMPARED TO YOU.

BUT I'LL KEEP TRYING.

WHAK



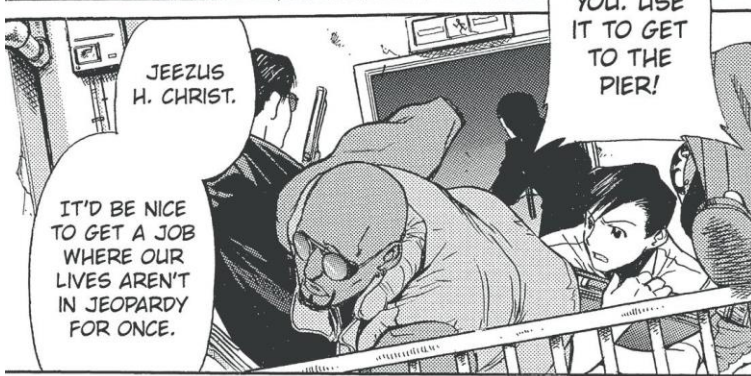
DUTCH!

THAT
CAR'S FOR
YOU. USE
IT TO GET
TO THE
PIER!



JEEZUS
H. CHRIST.

IT'D BE NICE
TO GET A JOB
WHERE OUR
LIVES AREN'T
IN JEOPARDY
FOR ONCE.



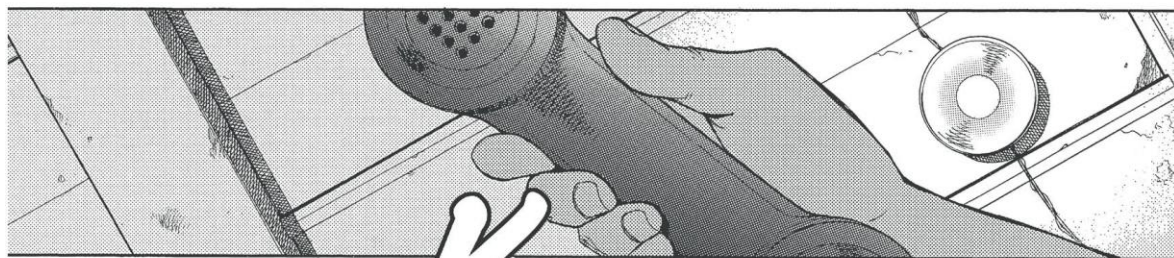
I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU, MR.
CHANG.

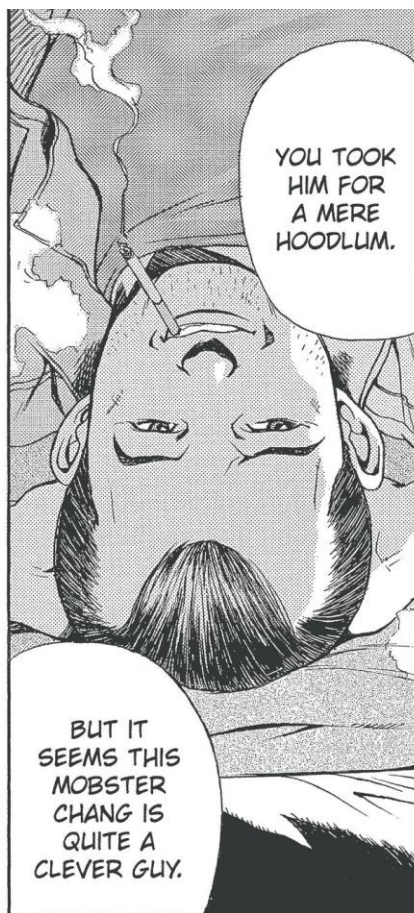
FO

GIVE IT A
REST, DUTCH.
WE'LL FINISH
UP HERE.

NOW
GO!







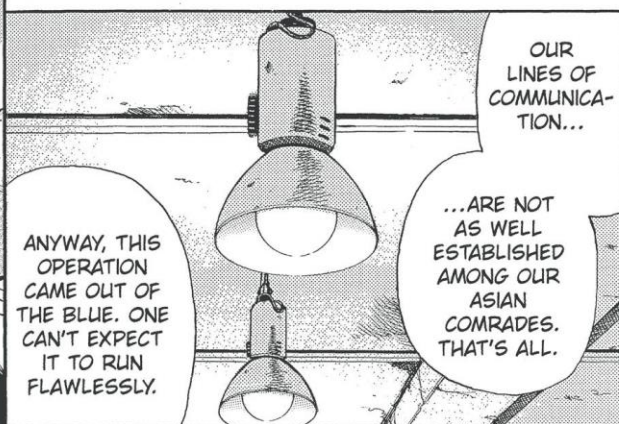
YOU TOOK
HIM FOR
A MERE
HOODLUM.

BUT IT
SEEMS THIS
MOBSTER
CHANG IS
QUITE A
CLEVER GUY.



I GOTTA
WONDER.

FRANKLY, WE
WOULDN'T
HAVE TO GO
TO ALL THIS
TROUBLE IF
WE'D COM-
PLETELY
DESTROYED
THE TRIAD'S
OFFICES.



OUR
LINES OF
COMMUNICA-
TION...

ANYWAY, THIS
OPERATION
CAME OUT OF
THE BLUE. ONE
CAN'T EXPECT
IT TO RUN
FLAWLESSLY.

...ARE NOT
AS WELL
ESTABLISHED
AMONG OUR
ASIAN
COMRADES.
THAT'S ALL.



THE WORDS
OF CHAIRMAN
MAO, IBRAHA.
THAT'S THE KIND
OF STUFF THAT
YOU GOTTA
LEARN.

"ALWAYS
PAY CLOSER
ATTENTION
TO WORTHY
ENEMIES..."
"...THAN TO
ENEMIES THAT
DESERVE ONLY
CONTEMPT."



C'MON, IBRAHA,
IT SPEAKS
VOLUMES ABOUT
THE SITUATION
WE'RE IN.

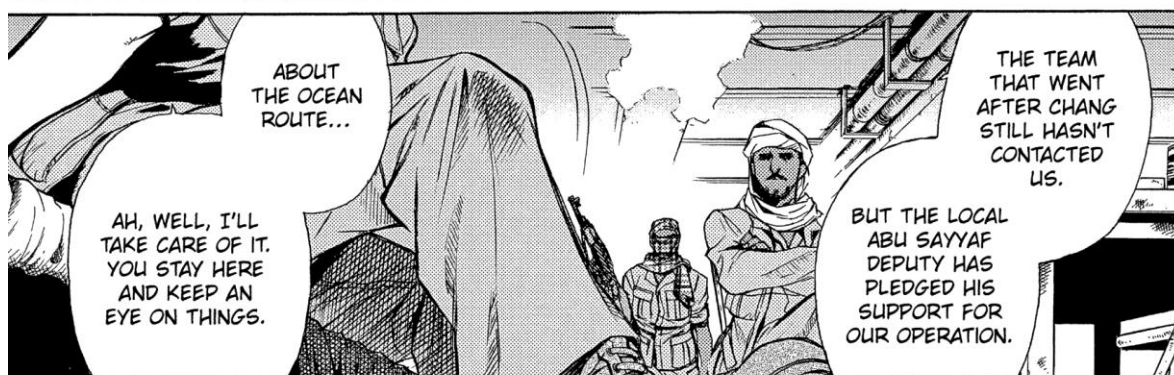
BESIDES...

I'M JUST
AS MUCH OF
AN ATHEIST
AS MAO
WAS.



EMPTY
WORDS
FROM SOME
ATHEIST.

LITTERLY
WITHOUT
MERIT.





ABOUT OUR
OPERATION
IN NEW
YORK...
IT MIGHT BE
BETTER TO
MOVE IT UP.



IF WE TAKE ONE
FALSE STEP, OUR
ENTIRE PLAN—TWO
YEARS IN THE
MAKING—WILL BE
FOR NOTHING.

YOU ASK
FOR THE
IMPOSSIBLE,
TAKENAKA.

THE FBI
IS CLOSELY
MONITORING OUR
EVERY MOVE!



IF WE'RE GOING
TO DO IT, WE
MIGHT AS WELL
DO IT WITH A
REAL BANG.

USING THE
SUBWAY
SYSTEM
TO TURN MAN-
HATTAN INTO
THE ISLAND
OF THE DEAD...

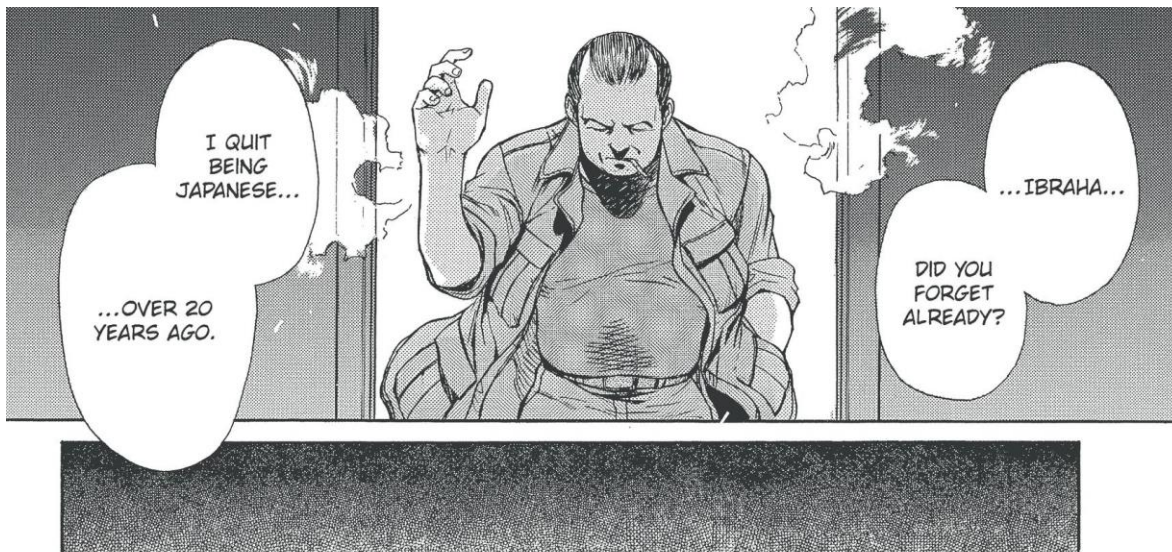


WHAT'S MORE,
THIS WAS PROVEN
TO BE THE CASE
BY JAPANESE MEN
JUST LIKE YOU,
TAKENAKA.

IT'S FRIGHTENING
HOW EFFECTIVE
BIO-CHEMICAL
WEAPONS CAN
BE ON AN UNDER-
GROUND MASS-
TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THEIR MAYOR
KEEPS MAKING
THESE PROMISES
TO KEEP THEM
SAFE. BUT THE
REALITY IS,
THERE'S NOTHING
THEY CAN DO TO
PREVENT IT.





I QUIT
BEING
JAPANESE...

...OVER 20
YEARS AGO.

...IBRAHA...

DID YOU
FORGET
ALREADY?



"CHANG CHANG
CHANG. THE
TRICHANG
SOCIETY."
UGH...

JESUS, DUTCH.
DID YOU HEAR
THE PASSWORD
MR. CHANG
CAME UP WITH?



WE'LL HEAD
OUT FROM
KALIMANTAN
THROUGH THE
JAVA SEA.
NO TIME FOR
DETOURS.

DUTCH, IS
THERE ANY
WAY WE CAN
REFUEL EN
ROUTE?

IT'S GONNA BE
PRETTY TIGHT
GETTING TO
BASILAN WITH-
OUT REFUELING.

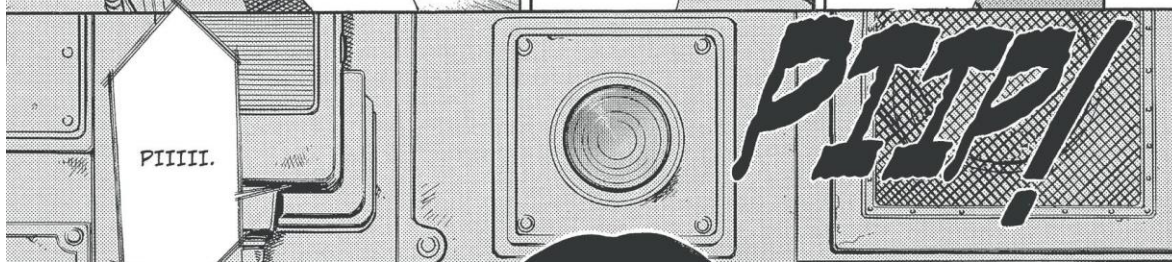
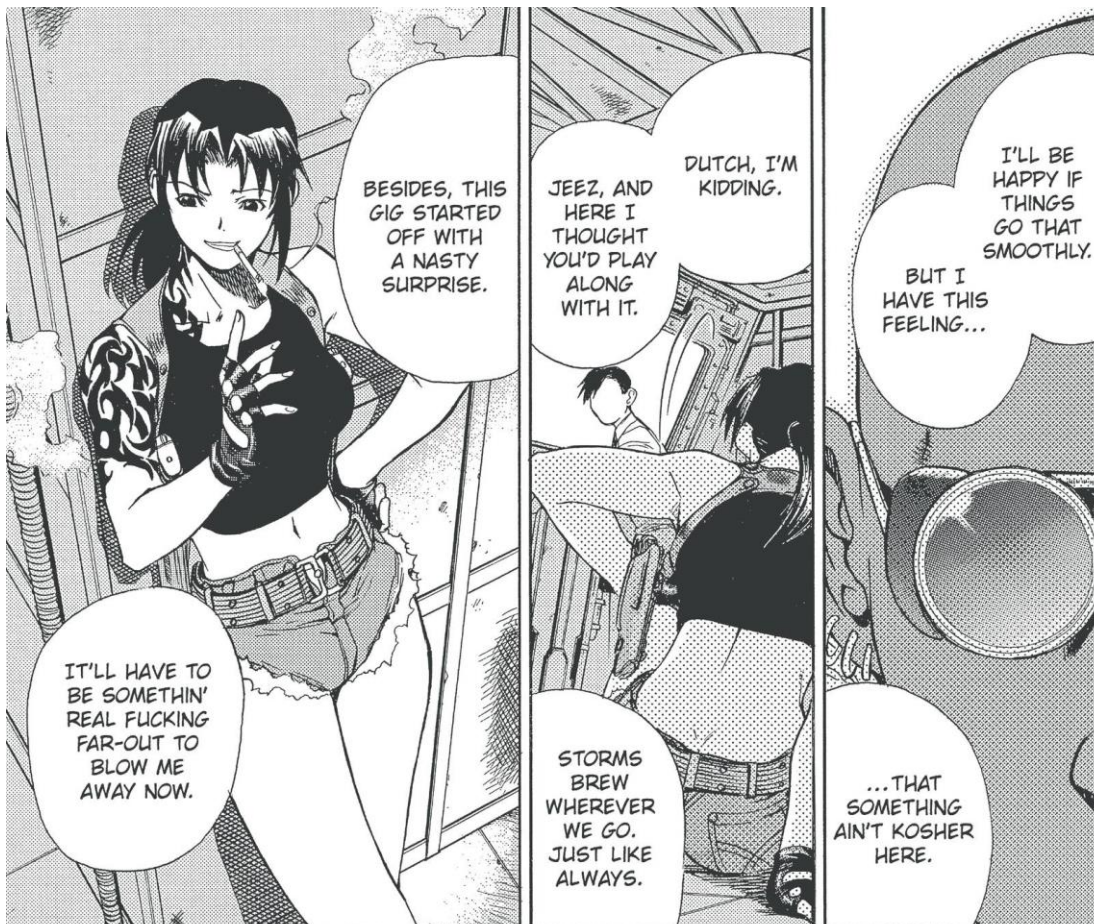
HE DRESSES
SHARP AND
ACTS SMOOTH,
BUT MAN, HIS
JOKES SUCK.

WANNA FIND
OUT IF THE
FISH ARE
BITING?

RELAX, ONCE
WE MAKE IT
OUT TO THE
OPEN SEA,
WE'RE GOOD
AS GOLD.

THIS'LL BE
LIKE A NICE
PLEASURE
CRUISE,
ROCK.

GIVE IT A
REST, REVY.
NOBODY'S
PERFECT.





NO
PROBLEM,
BENNY...

IT'S SHOW-
TIME, REVY!
MAKE 'EM
DANCE, HARD
AND FAST!

ONE
WICKED TANGO
NUMBER,
COMIN'
RIGHT UP.

THEY'RE GONNA TWIST
AND SHOUT RIGHT INTO
THE AFTERLIFE!!



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NO
PROBLEM,
BENNY...

ONE
WICKED
TANGO
NUMBER,
COMIN'
RIGHT UP.





*ARMOR PIERCING INCENDIARY





...YIKES!

YES,
COMMANDER.

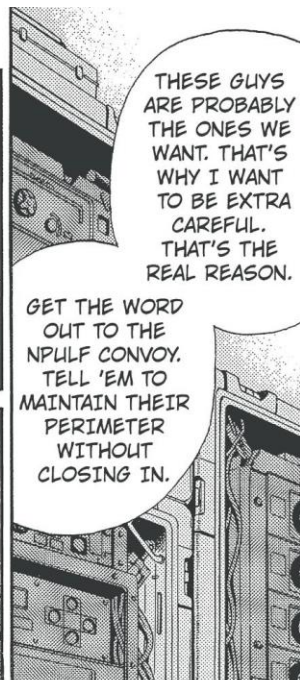
TIME FOR
MY FLIGHT.
GOTTA HEAD
OUT NOW.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

I'LL
CONTACT
IBRAHA
ABOUT THIS
MYSELF.

FLIGHT,
SIR?



THESE GUYS
ARE PROBABLY
THE ONES WE
WANT. THAT'S
WHY I WANT
TO BE EXTRA
CAREFUL.
THAT'S THE
REAL REASON.

GET THE WORD
OUT TO THE
NPULF CONVOY.
TELL 'EM TO
MAINTAIN THEIR
PERIMETER
WITHOUT
CLOSING IN.



DON'T LET YOUR
GUARD DOWN.
THIS BUNCH IS
DEFINITELY GOING
TO BE A HARD NUT
TO CRACK, YOU
GOT IT?

I GOTTA SAY,
THIS CHANG
CHARACTER'S ONE
INTRIGUING GUY.
NOW, LISTEN
CLOSE.

I FIGURED
OUT THEIR
DESTINATION
FROM THEIR
HEADING.



BUT THOSE
SHY FUCKS
WON'T COME
UP ON STAGE
FOR ME.

...GODDAMN
JERKS!

I'M ALL
READY
TO GET
INTIMATE
WITH 'EM...



MAN, THIS
BLOWS,
DUTCH...

IT'S
LIKE DUCK
HUNTING.
THEY GOT
NO FIGHT
IN 'EM.

WHAT'S
UP WITH
THESE
ASS-
HOLES?

WANT ME
TO PULL
AHEAD?

WE GOT
THE SIZE
ADVANTAGE.
WE COULD
PLOW
THROUGH A
COUPLE OF
THEIR BOATS,
EASY.

WELL, IF
WE HAVE
TO HURRY
AHEAD...



...RIGGED UP
FOR FUCKING
KAMIKAZES!!

DUTCH!!

EASE UP ON
THE THROTTLE!
THEIR BOATS
ARE...



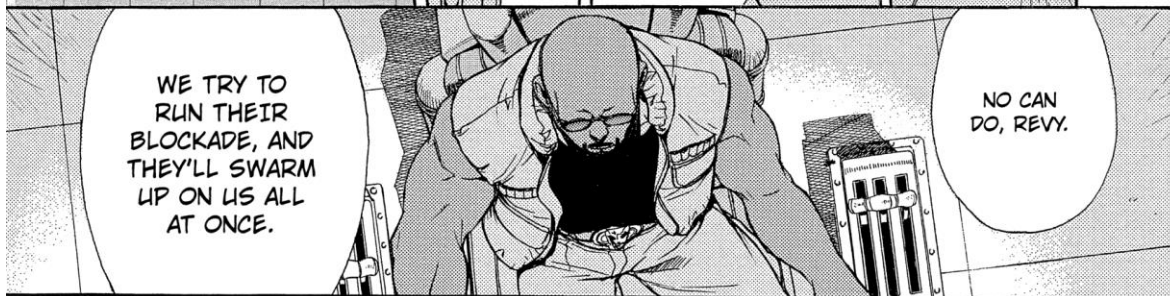
DUTCH!

THE BOATS
HAVE PULLED
AWAY A
LITTLE.
THINK YOU
CAN PUNCH
THROUGH?

...
SO THAT'S
THE GAME
HERE,
HUH...

THAT'S
ONE SHARP
BASTARD
BACKING
THEM UP,
ALL RIGHT.

VRR
VRR



WE TRY TO
RUN THEIR
BLOCKADE, AND
THEY'LL SWARM
UP ON US ALL
AT ONCE.

NO CAN
DO, REVV.



WE'D BE
BLOWN TO
PIECES IN
A BLINK OF
AN EYE.

ALL IT TAKES
FOR THEM TO
WIN IS ONE
BOAT GETTIN'
TOO CLOSE.

IT'D BE
JUST LIKE
DROPPING AN
M-80 IN A CAN
OF SARDINES...



IT'S CLEAR FROM THE GPS. THEY'RE GETTING A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN READY.

YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT, DUTCH.

THEY DON'T WANT SOME ISLAND TO BE OUR VANISHING POINT.



THEY'RE FOLLOWING US BUT KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE.

I WONDER WHAT THEIR PLAN IS?



THEY MUST'VE HIJACKED HER SOMEWHERE.

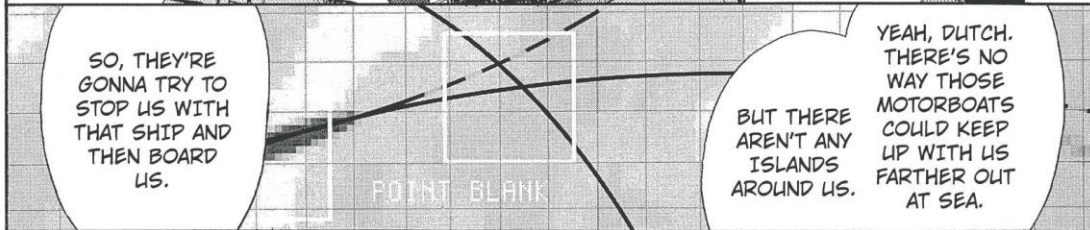
THEY'RE GONNA USE HER AS A BARRICADE AGAINST US.

...A CARGO SHIP?

BUT WE'RE NOT NEAR ANY ESTABLISHED SEA ROUTES.



BEATS ME. THEIR BOATS ARE TOO LIGHT-WEIGHT TO TRY TO FORCE US TO CHANGE OUR HEADING...



SO, THEY'RE GONNA TRY TO STOP US WITH THAT SHIP AND THEN BOARD US.

BUT THERE AREN'T ANY ISLANDS AROUND US.

YEAH, DUTCH. THERE'S NO WAY THOSE MOTORBOATS COULD KEEP UP WITH US FARTHER OUT AT SEA.



DEEP, DEEP TROUBLE. IF THERE'S A SILVER LINING HERE, I'D LOVE TO HEAR IT.

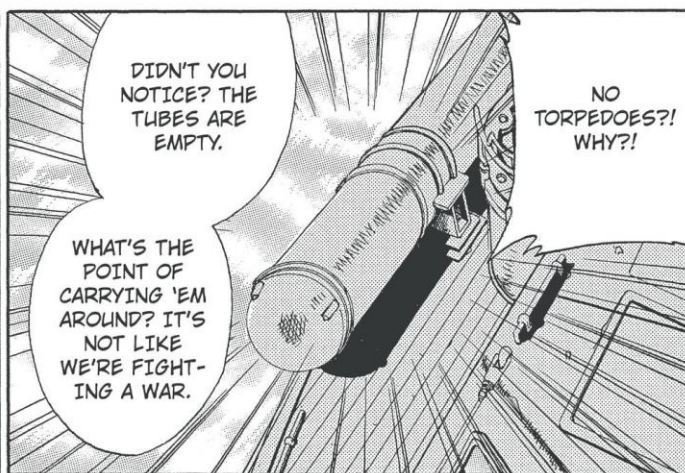
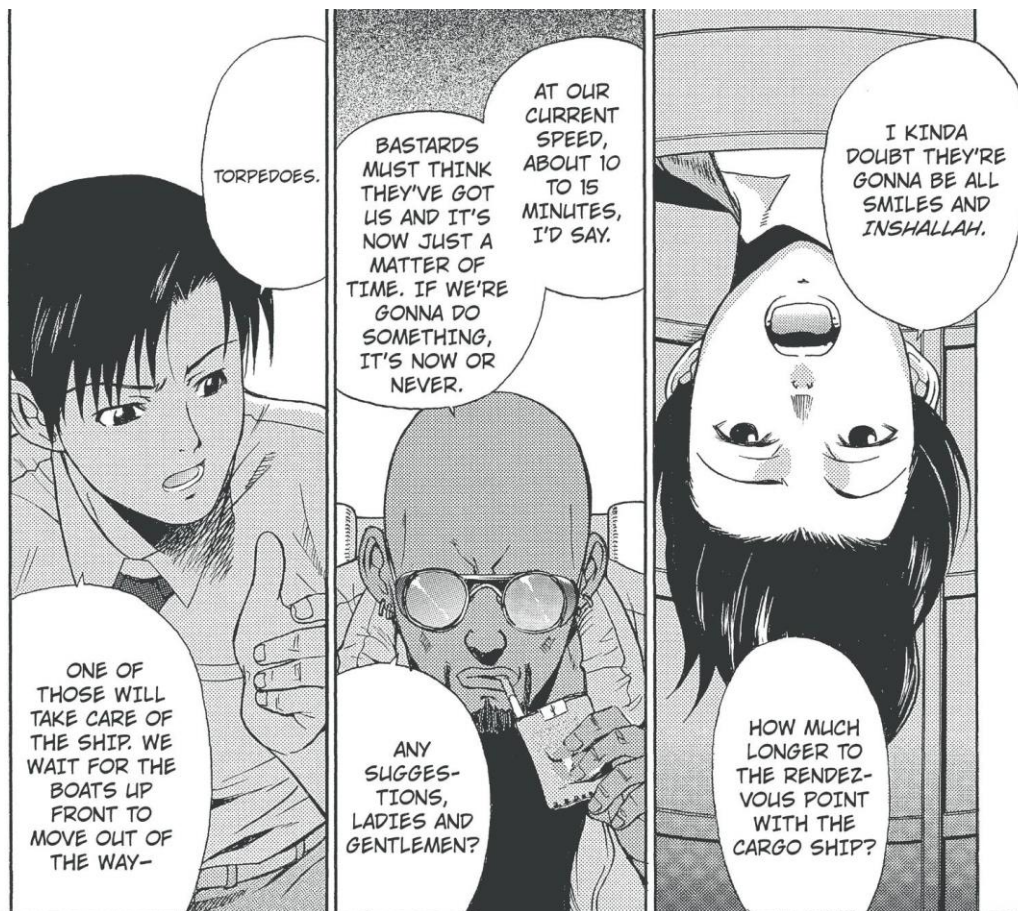
MAYBE WE SHOULD CRACK OPEN THE KORAN AND START ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS.

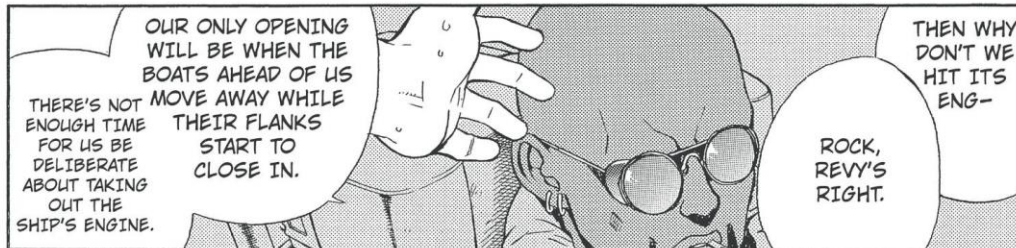
WE'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE.



SHIT, THAT'S THE END OF THIS GIG.

ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS CRY AND GNASH OUR TEETH WHILE THEY SLICE US UP WITH SCIMITARS.





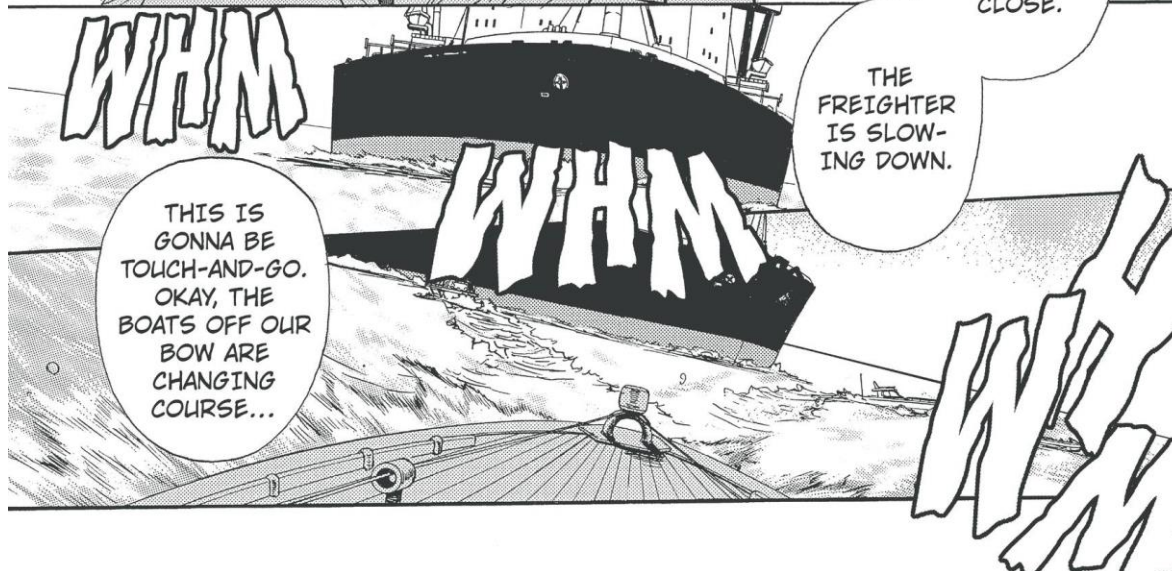
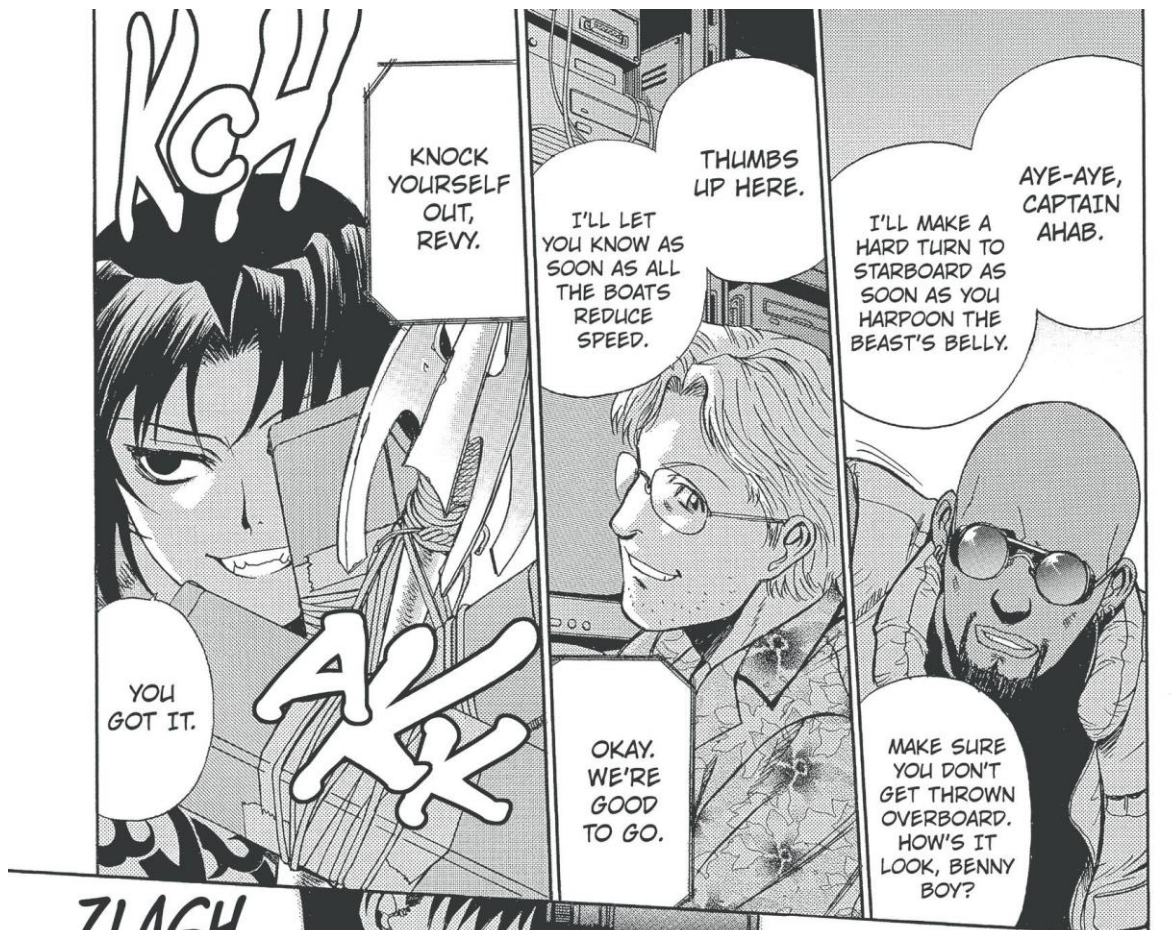






*YASUO DAICHI IS A FAMOUS JAPANESE CHARACTER ACTOR.



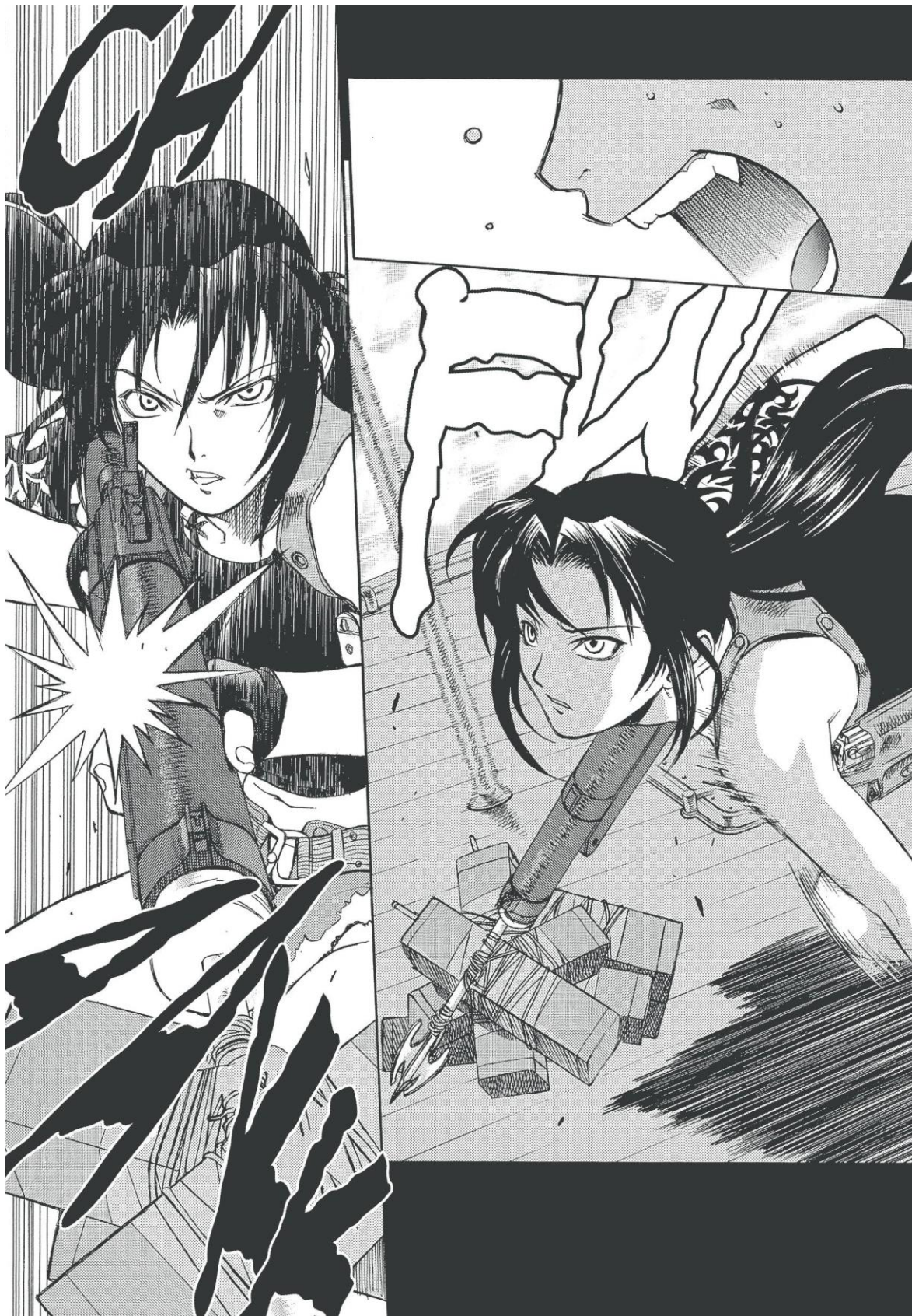




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THEY'RE
TRYING TO
ESCAPE!!

AFTER
THEM!!

ROAR

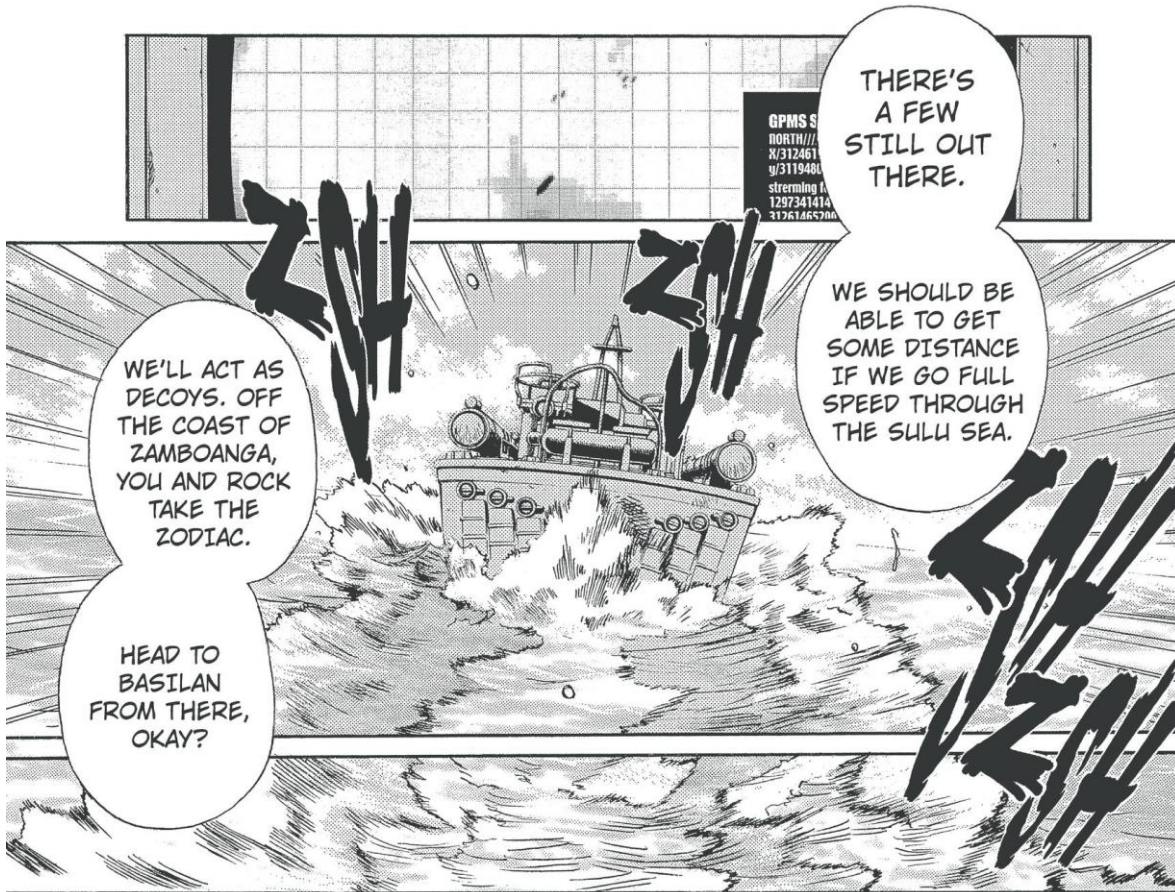
ZRAA

FWIP











YES, I'M
AWARE
OF IT.

I'M SURE
YOU ALREADY
KNOW, BUT
OUR BLOCK-
ADE FAILED.

I'M
HANDLING
SOME
URGENT
MATTERS,
IBRAHA.

TAKE IT
EASY,
IBRAHA.

LOOK,
OBVIOUSLY
I'M NOT
HERE FOR
SOME R&R.

BASILAN?
YOU'RE IN
BASILAN?

AT
THE ABU
SAYYAF
TRAINING
CAMP?

WHAT?
THEY
WOULDN'T
DARE...

THEIR HEADING
TOLD US A LOT,
IBRAHA. NOW
WE KNOW
WHAT THEIR
DESTINATION
IS.

EVEN
THOUGH THEY
GOT AWAY,
IT'S NOT A
COMPLETE
LOSS.

TAKENAKA...

I'VE
FIGURED
OUT CHANG'S
NEXT MOVE.
THINGS COULD
GET PRETTY
INTERESTING.

AFTER ALL,
THERE'S THE
ANTI-ABU
SAYYAF
SPECIAL
OPS BASE
NEAR BY.

WE
SHOULD'VE
KNOWN,
IBRAHA.

IT'S RIGHT
ON OUR
DOORSTEP, BUT
HERE AMERICAN
IMPERIALIST
AGENTS CAN
COME AND GO
WITHOUT
CAUSING ALARM.



MINDFUL?
DON'T MAKE
ME LAUGH,
BROTHER.

YOU NEED TO
BE MORE
MINDFUL
OF—

THIS IS A
CRUCIAL
PRECURSORY
SKIRMISH
TIED TO THE
COMING
JIHAD.

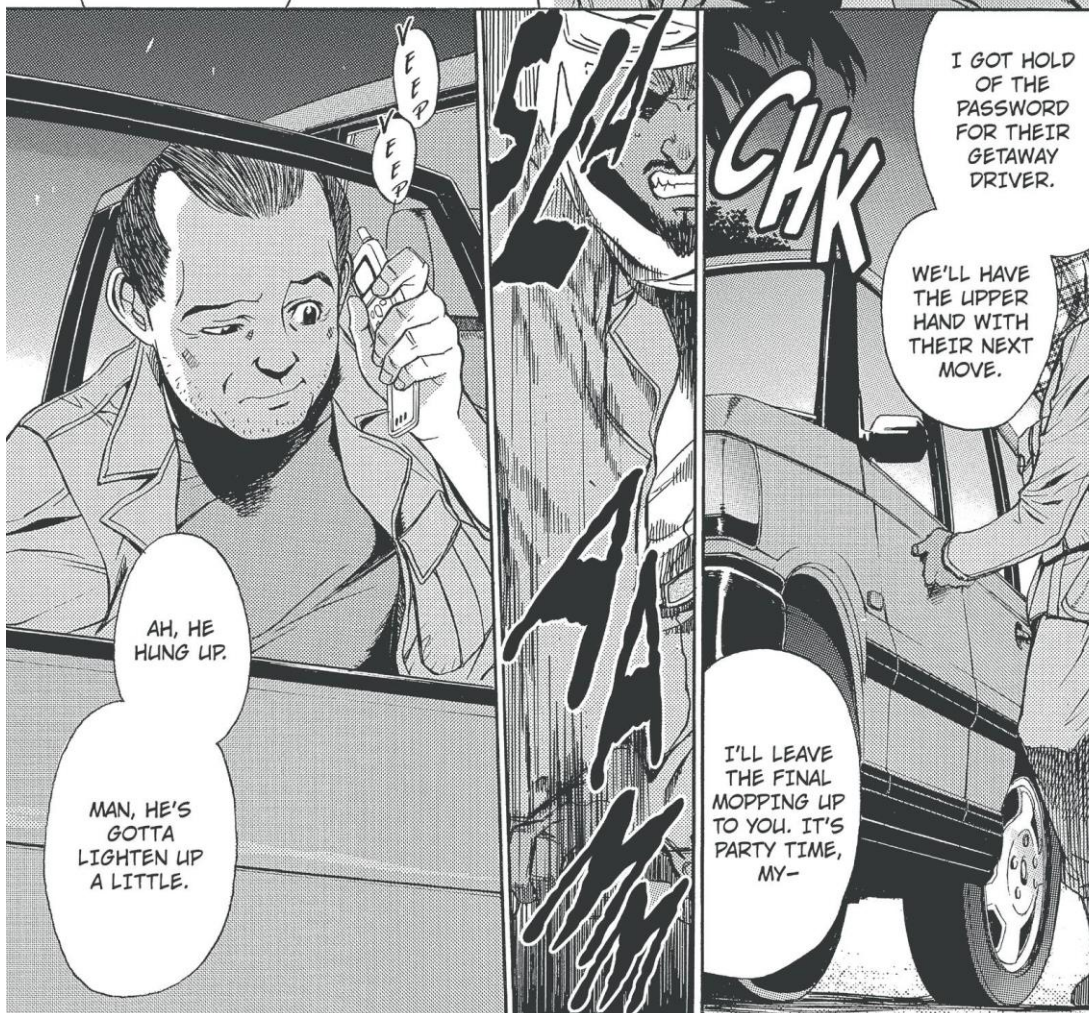
THIS IS
NOT SOME
GAME.



THINGS ARE
GETTING MORE
INTERESTING
ALL THE TIME.
YOU MIGHT AS
WELL ENJOY IT,
IBRAHA.

DID YOU
THINK THERE
WAS SOME-
THING IN
LIFE THAT
WASN'T?

IT'S ALL
A GAME,
IBRAHA.



I GOT HOLD
OF THE
PASSWORD
FOR THEIR
GETAWAY
DRIVER.

WE'LL HAVE
THE UPPER
HAND WITH
THEIR NEXT
MOVE.

I'LL LEAVE
THE FINAL
MOPPING UP
TO YOU. IT'S
PARTY TIME,
MY—

AH, HE
HUNG UP.

MAN, HE'S
GOTTA
LIGHTEN UP
A LITTLE.



ONCE INSIDE ISABELA, I WANT ALL UNITS TO SCATTER BUT KEEP MOVING.

GEEZ...

CHECK POINTS?

AVOID A FIREFIGHT. OTHERWISE THE MILITARY WILL COME FLYIN'.

MAKE SURE WE CAN PULL OUT OF THE CITY IN THREE MINUTES IN THE EVENT WE HAVE TO FORCIBLY ABDUCT THEM.

THEN AGAIN...

THERE ARE FIVE ON THE MAJOR ROADS. EACH STATION HAS ARMORED CARS ASSIGNED TO THEM.

THEY'RE MANNED BY THE LIGHT REACTION FORCE, NOT THE INPFF.

...I HAVE TO ADMIT...

REALLY NASTY FIREFIGHTS HAVE THEIR OWN CHARM...

*INPFF: INTEGRATED NATIONAL POLICE FIELD FORCE



HANGING OUT AT THE PORT NEAR THE BASE WILL JUST GET US INTO TROUBLE.

NO POINT IN OFFERING WANNABE GLORY HOLDS A TEMPTING TARGET.



WE'LL SIT TIGHT AT THE BASE AFTER WE HAND OVER THE DOCS TO THE CIA.



KEEP THOSE DOCS SAFE. LAST THING WE WANT IS THE WORLD'S WORST "MY DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK" ROUTINE.

YOU WATCH YOUR ASSES.

STUFF

BASTARDS WHO FIGHT WITH IDEOLOGICAL CONVICTION JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP.

HEY NOW...



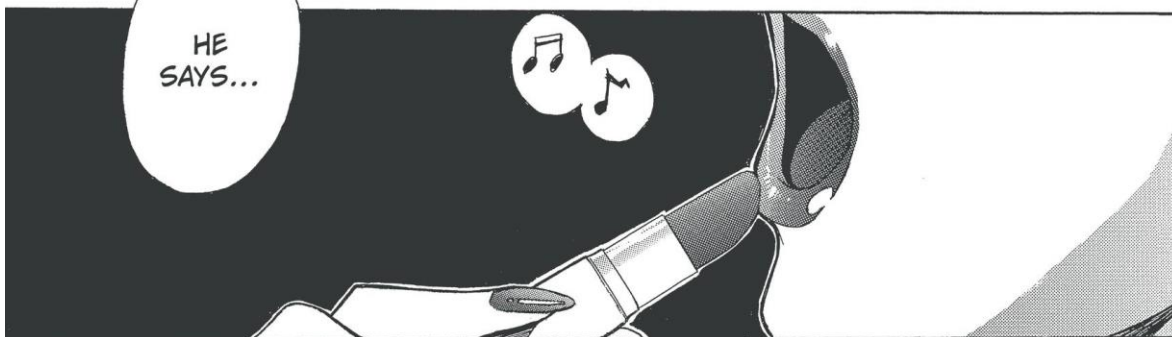
RIGHT, WE'LL COME PICK YOU UP ONCE YOU SEND WORD.



MAKE SURE TO PASS IT ON TO ROCK.

OH, RIGHT...

...ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM MR. CHANG.

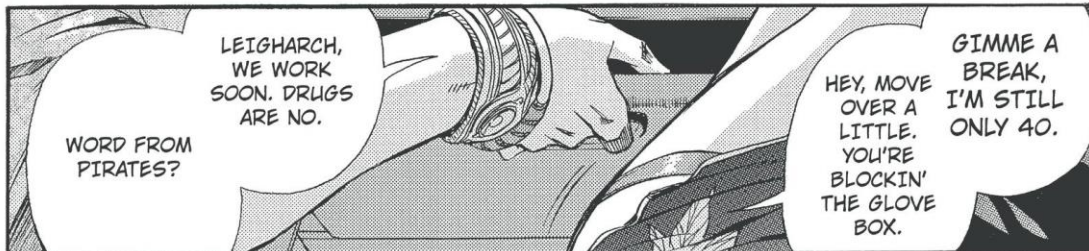


HE SAYS...



NO.
GETTING
OLD IS
REASON.

JEEZ.
GUESS I
HAD TOO
MUCH
BEER.
MAN, IT
SUCKS
HAVIN' TO
TAKE A
PISS ALL
THE TIME.



LEIGHARCH,
WE WORK
SOON. DRUGS
ARE NO.
WORD FROM
PIRATES?

GIMME A
BREAK,
I'M STILL
ONLY 40.
HEY, MOVE
OVER A
LITTLE.
YOU'RE
BLOCKIN'
THE GLOVE
BOX.

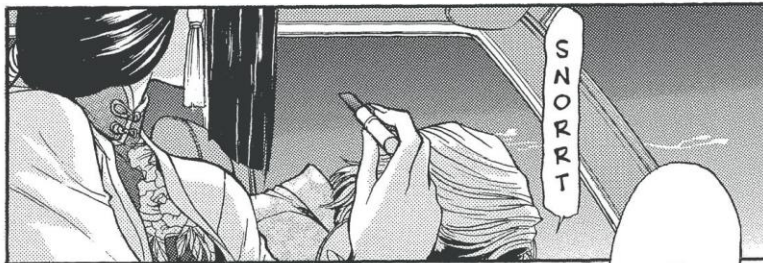


WORK IS
NOBLE. VERY
IMPORTANT.

NOT SAY
SOME-
THING
LIKE THAT.
WHERE YOU
THINK MONEY
FOR WHITE
STUFF COME
FROM?



OUR MAN
CHANG
HASN'T
MENTIONED
ANYTHING
YET.



SNORT

...



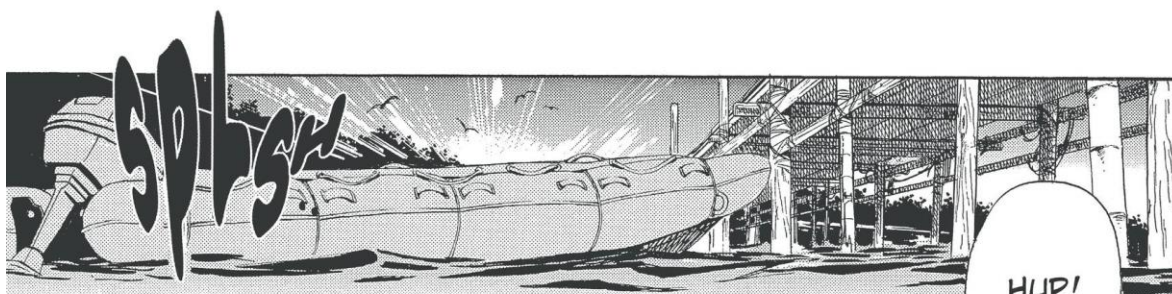
CARS NOT
GO THROUGH
HERE OFTEN.

STRANGE...



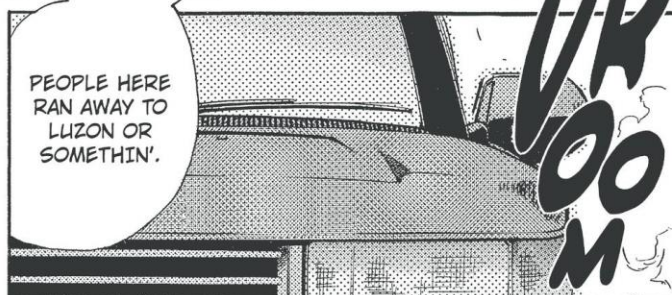
MAYBE THEY
GOT TURNED
INTO A NICE
SNACK FOR
THE CRABS
BEFORE
THEY GOT
HERE.

WOULDN'T
MIND GOING
BACK TO THE
HOTEL FOR A
LITTLE TRIP
TO THE MOON.





MY GUESS IS...



PEOPLE HERE RAN AWAY TO LUZON OR SOMETHIN'.



THE SECURITY FORCES AND GUERRILLAS EXCHANGE FIRE ALL THE FUCKING TIME, DAY AND NIGHT.

THERE'S PROBABLY MORE CHECKPOINTS HERE THAN THERE ARE STARBUCKS IN BROOKLYN.



HARD TO MAKE A LIVIN' WHEN-





YOU'RE
WITH LAGOON,
RIGHT? I
HEARD
THERE'D BE
FOUR OF YOU.

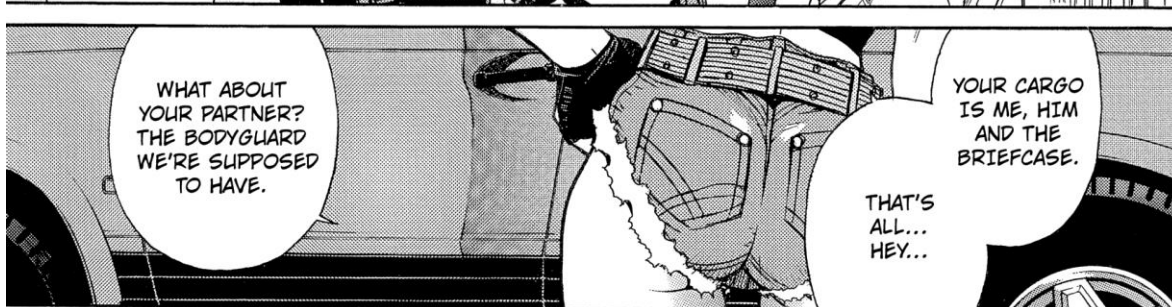
BEEN
WAITING
LONG?



I
SUPPOSE
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.

ANY
LUGGAGE?

WHY DO
YOU CARE?



WHAT ABOUT
YOUR PARTNER?
THE BODYGUARD
WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO HAVE.

YOUR CARGO
IS ME, HIM
AND THE BRIEFCASE.

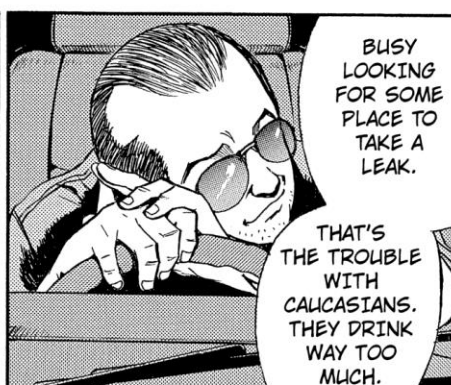
THAT'S
ALL...
HEY...



YEAH, THOSE
GUYS CAN'T
TELL THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
VOLVIC AND
BEER.

SO
ANYWAY
...

...TIME FOR
THE ALL-
IMPORTANT
QUESTION.



BUSY
LOOKING
FOR SOME
PLACE TO
TAKE A
LEAK.

THAT'S
THE TROUBLE
WITH
CAUCASIANS.
THEY DRINK
WAY TOO
MUCH.

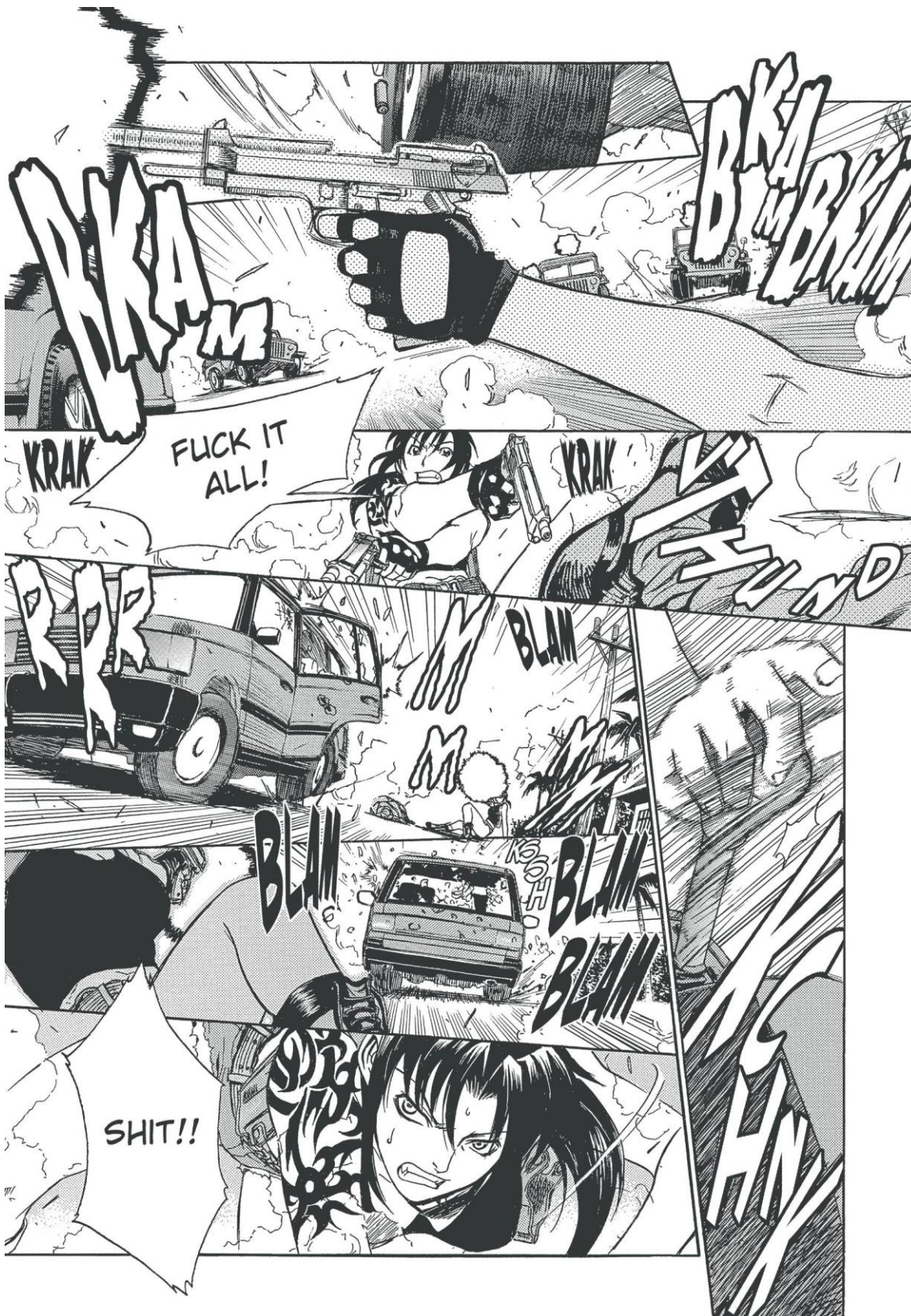










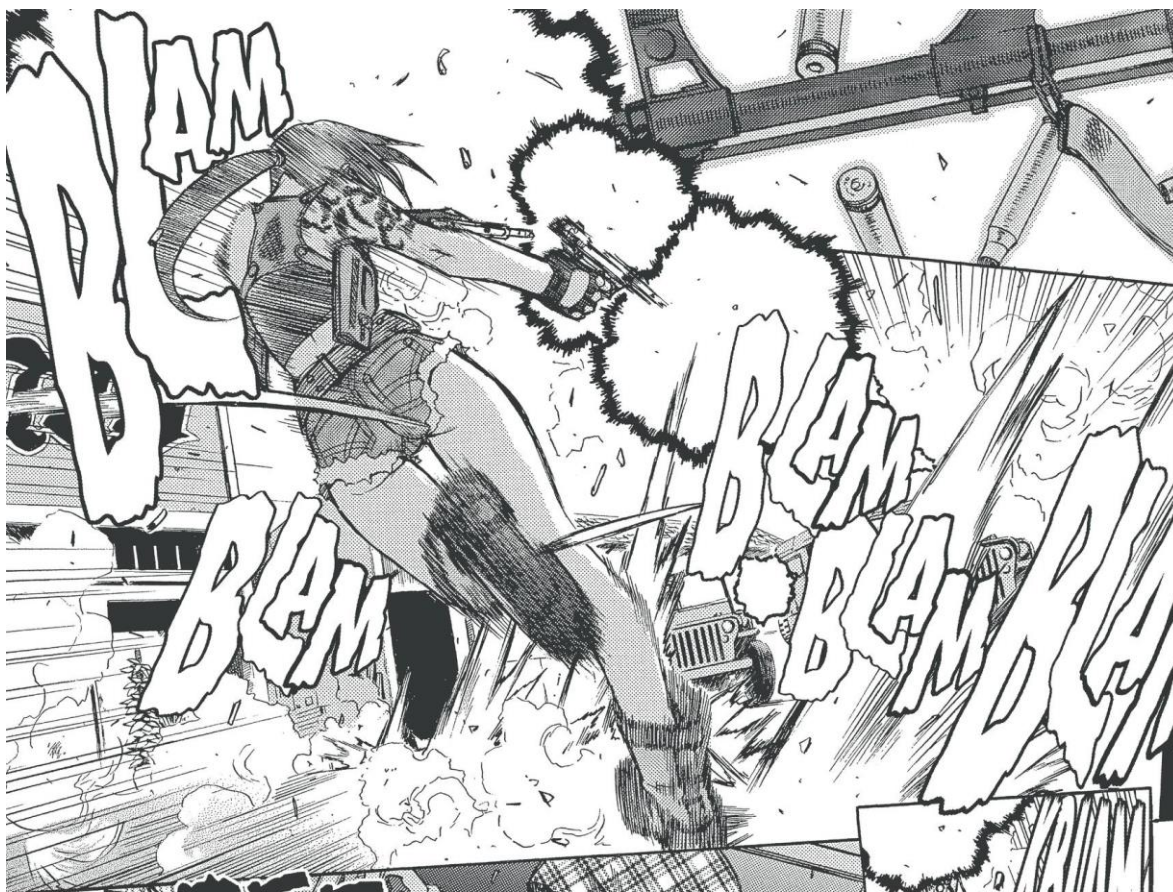






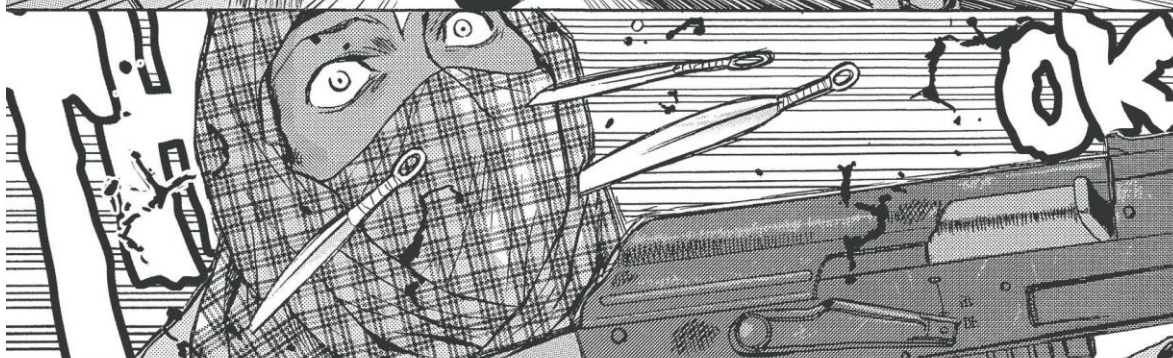
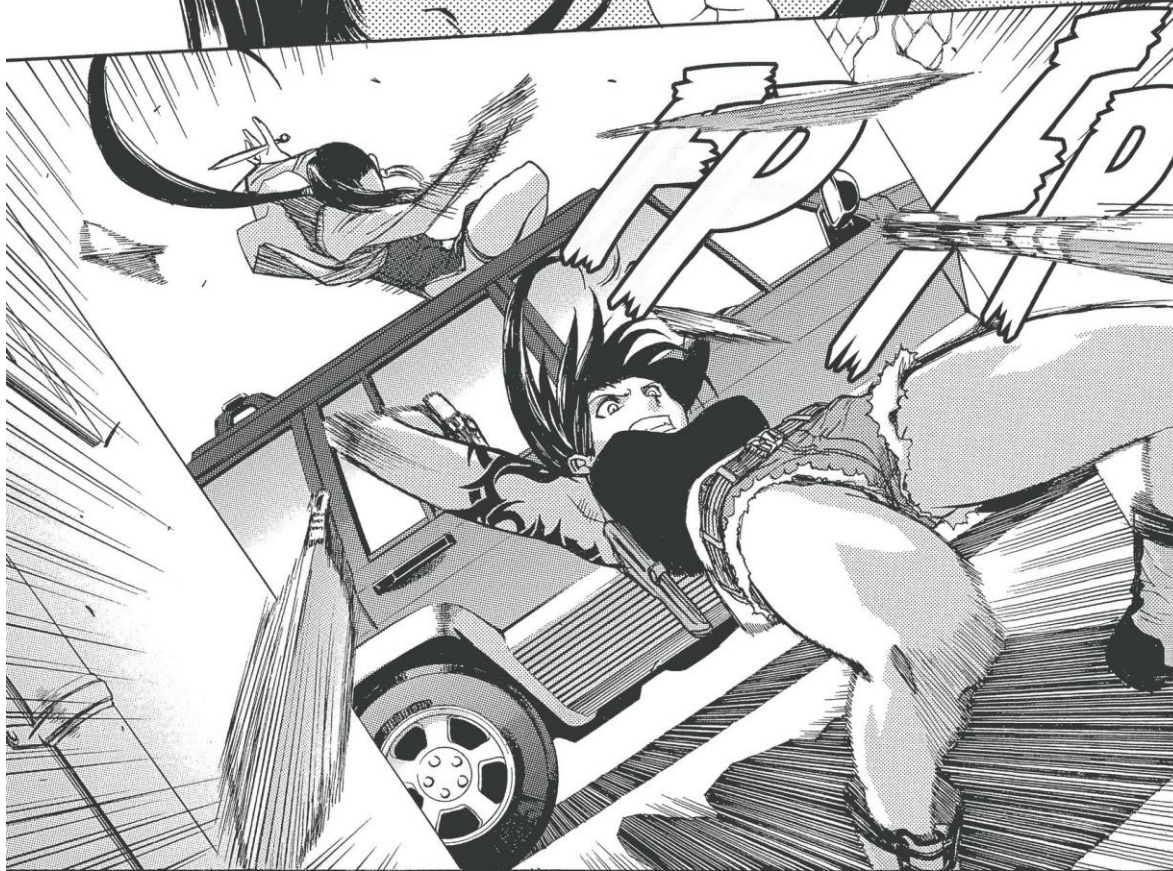
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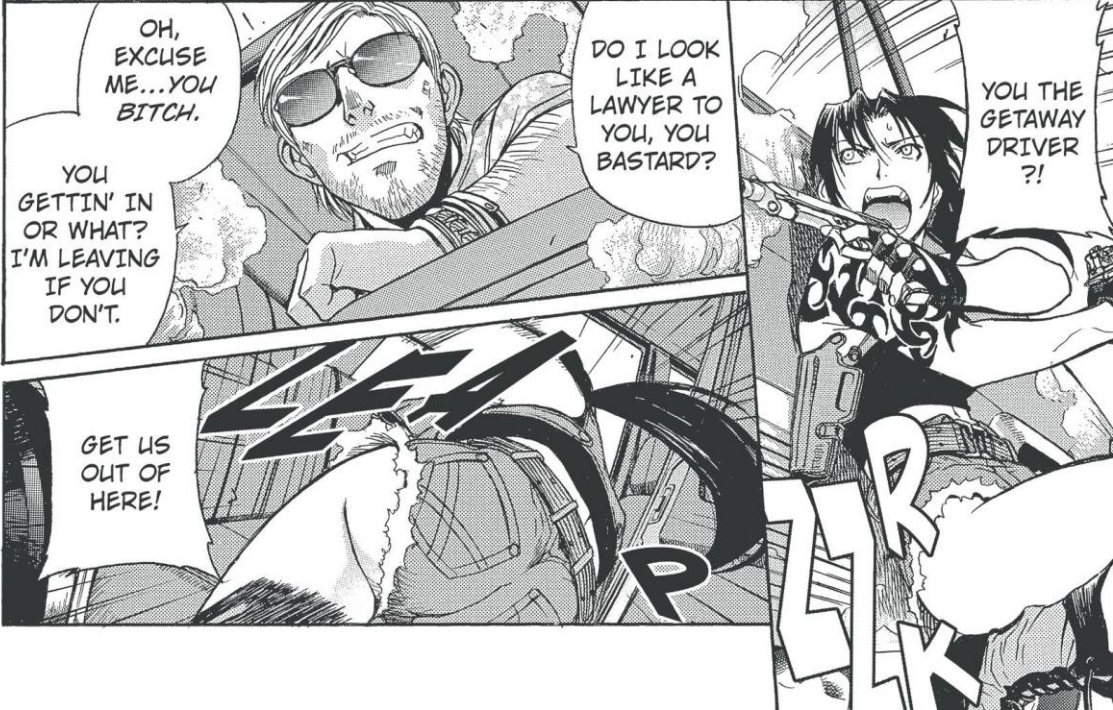


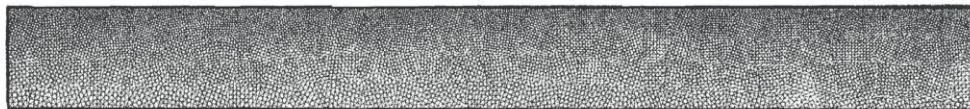
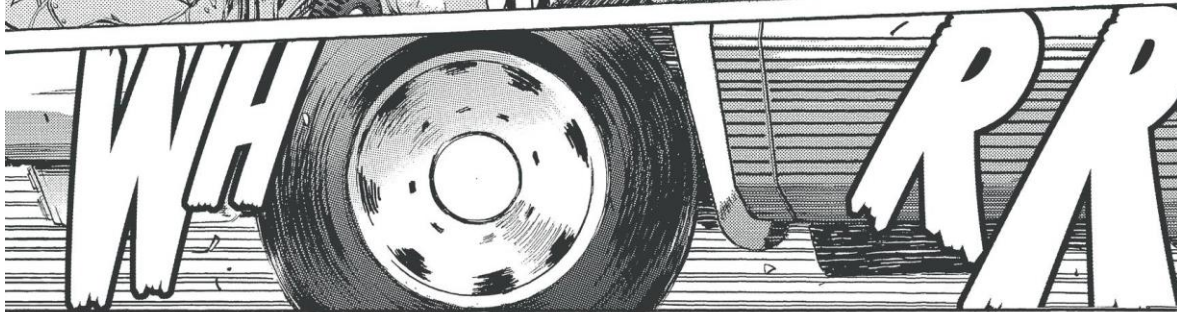
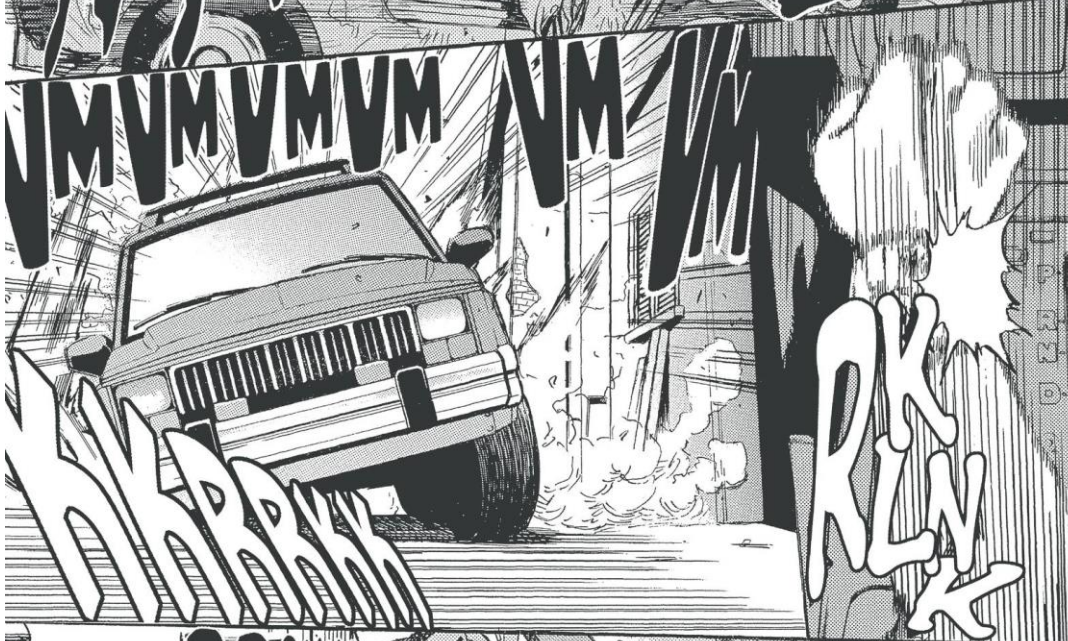


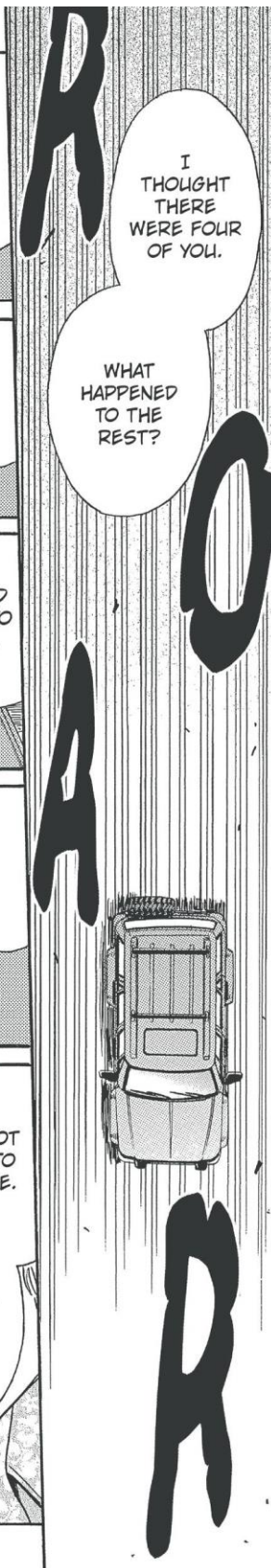


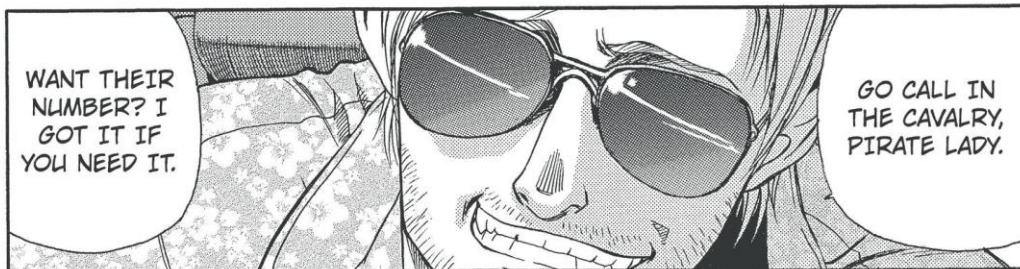












WANT THEIR
NUMBER? I
GOT IT IF
YOU NEED IT.

GO CALL IN
THE CAVALRY,
PIRATE LADY.



WE GET
PAID AFTER
THAT. WE
NOT WANT
ANYTHING
ELSE.

OUR JOB TO
TRANSPORT
YOU TO BASE.

YOUR
SHORTCOMING
NO CONCERN
OF OURS.
UNDERSTAND?

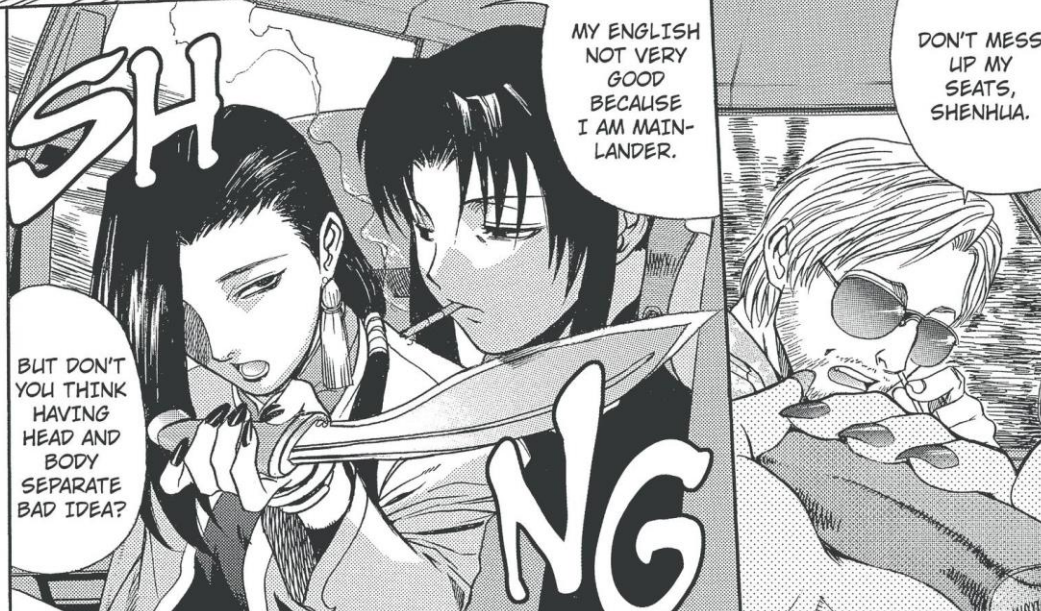


YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I SAY...

BITCH ALL
YOU WANT...
DOESN'T
CHANGE
A THING.

MY PARTNER
HAS THE
IMPORTANT
DOCS.

...CHINGLISH
GAL?

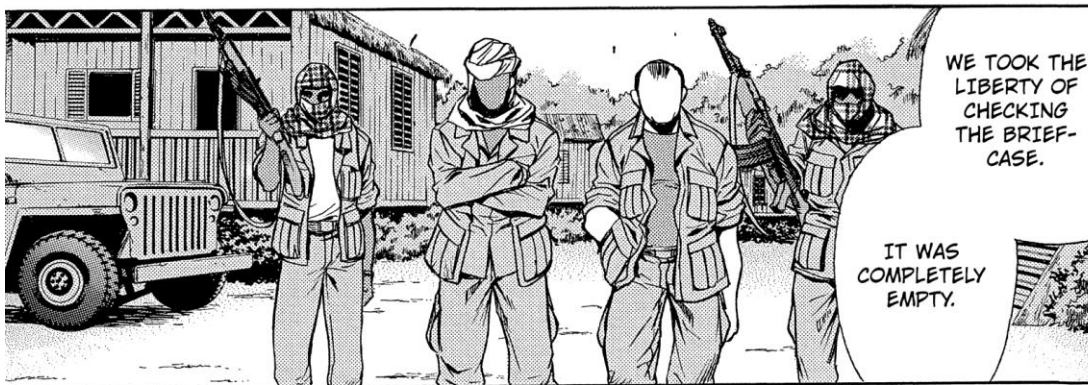


BUT DON'T
YOU THINK
HAVING
HEAD AND
BODY
SEPARATE
BAD IDEA?

MY ENGLISH
NOT VERY
GOOD
BECAUSE
I AM MAIN-
LANDER.

DON'T MESS
UP MY
SEATS,
SHENHUA.





WE TOOK THE LIBERTY OF CHECKING THE BRIEF-CASE.

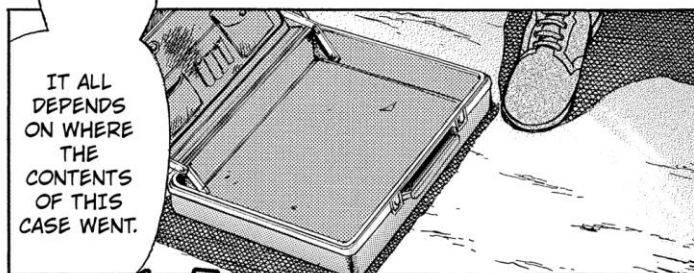
IT WAS COMPLETELY EMPTY.



C'MON, YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT.

THIS IS WHERE YOU MAKE A SNAPPY REMARK OR A JOKE OR SOMETHIN'.

OH, WELL....



IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHERE THE CONTENTS OF THIS CASE WENT.



I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

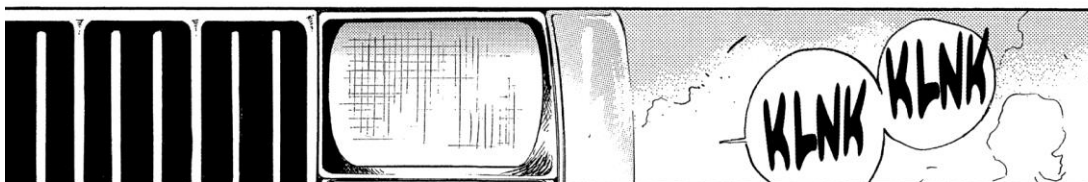
EVEN IF I DID, YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY.



MOVE IT.

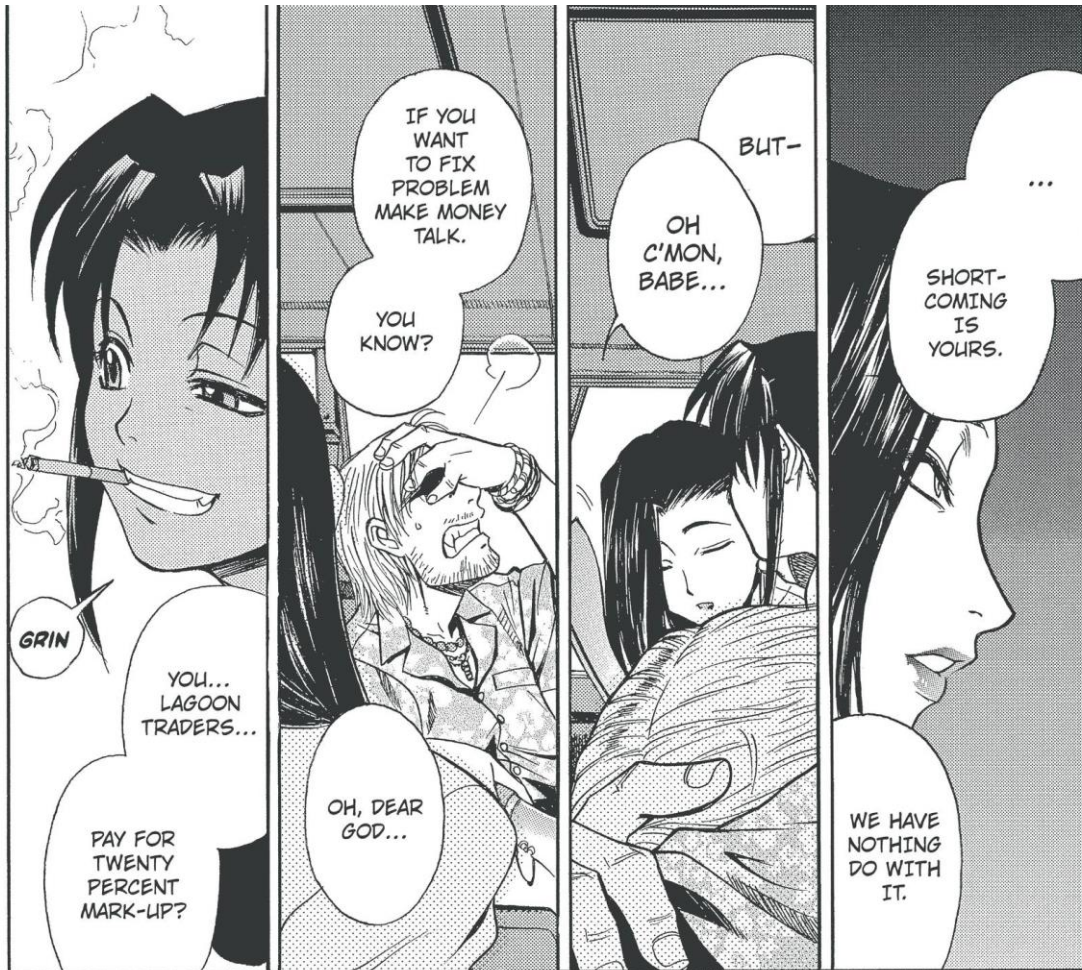
WE'LL TAKE OUR TIME ASKING YOU. WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME LEFT.

THE PLACE IS RATHER CLUTTERED, BUT I HOPE YOU'LL BEAR WITH IT.



KLNK

KLNK





JOB
TIME.

ENOUGH.
GOT AS
FAR AS
WE CAN
GO.

LEIGHARCH
...



FIFTEEN,
AND NO
MORE.
THAT'S
THAT.



WHY THE
FUCK NOT,
EH BABY?!

NEVER
REALIZED
YOU HAD
SUCH A
STRONG
DEATH
WISH!!

SURE!

WHY
NOT
?!

TAKE IT
OR LEAVE
IT.
WHAT'LL
IT BE?



LET ME ASK
YOU...THOSE
SCREWS THAT
ARE LOOSE IN
YOUR HEADS,
DID THEY COME
LOOSE IN YOUR
MAMAS' BELLIES,
OR WHAT?!

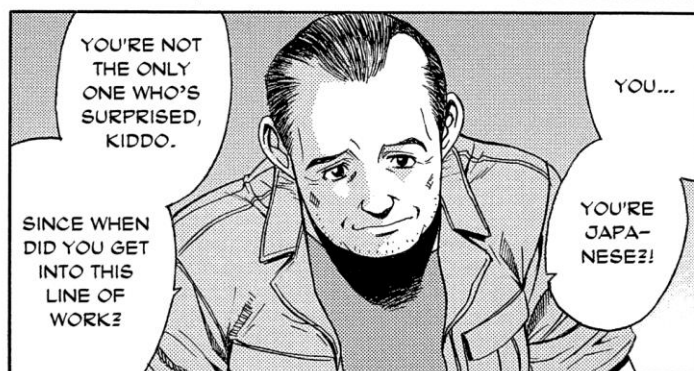
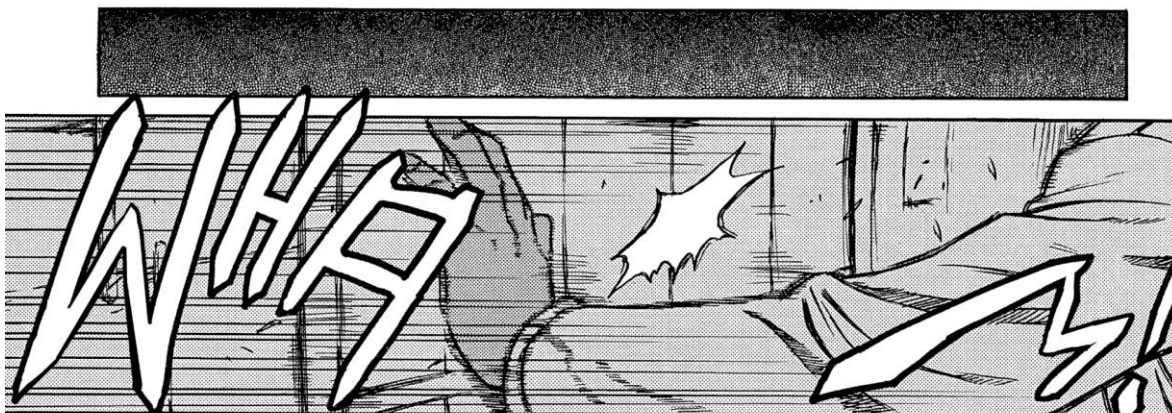
KREEKREE

SURE!!
FINE!!
GO GET
YOUR-
SELF
KILLED!!

BUT FIRST
GO SEE A
FUCKING
SHRINK
ABOUT THAT
GODDAMNED
SUICIDAL
STREAK THE
TWO OF YOU
HAVE!

OH MY,
OH MY.

SAYING ALL
THAT MAKE
YOU FEEL
BETTER? WE
GO, OKAY
THEN?









I MAY BE
YOUNG, BUT
I'M OLD
ENOUGH TO
KNOW WHAT
YOU DID IN
THE PAST.

YOU'RE
DIFFERENT
FROM ME.

YOU LEFT
BECAUSE YOU
HAD NOWHERE
TO RUN
ANYMORE.



YOU'RE NOT
A LOSER AS
LONG AS YOU
HAVE A GOAL
AND THE WILL
TO FOLLOW
THROUGH
ON IT.

I DEVOTED
MY LIFE TO A
SIMULTANEOUS
WORLDWIDE
WORKERS'
REVOLUTION.

...LISTEN,
SONNY...

I LEFT
JAPAN.



I SUPPOSE
THAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE
TWO OF US,
EH?

SO, YOUNG
MAN...

TELL
ME...WHAT
DO YOU
HAVE?



I
WONDER
...

RESOLVE
AND GOALS
GO HAND IN
HAND.

...



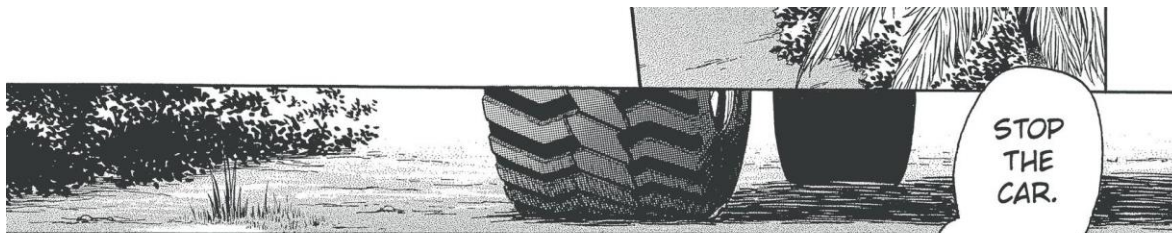
YOUR
IDEALISM
IS DEAD.

OR AT LEAST
YOU KNOW
IT'S BECOME
HOLLOW BY
NOW.

BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOU...?

I'VE GOT
GOALS
AND
IDEALS,
TOO.





STOP
THE
CAR.

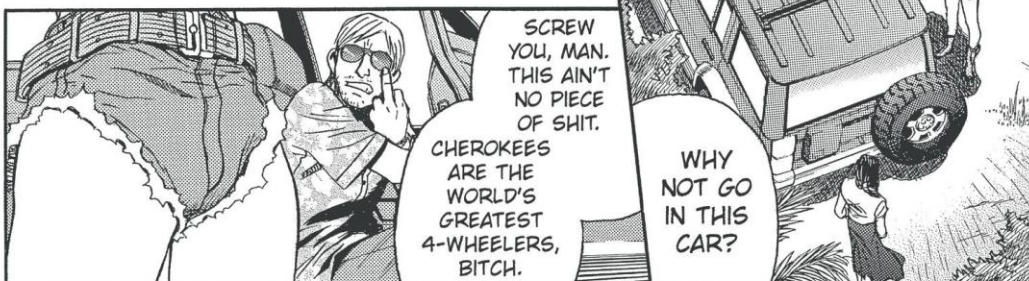
BUT A RAID
IN A POS
SUV WITH A
JUNKIE AT
THE WHEEL?
NO THANKS.

SCHOK

SHIT.

IF YOU
HAD A
JAMES
BOND CAR,
THEN
MAYBE.

WE'LL
GO ON
FOOT
FROM
HERE.



SCREW
YOU, MAN.
THIS AIN'T
NO PIECE
OF SHIT.

CHEROKEES
ARE THE
WORLD'S
GREATEST
4-WHEELERS,
BITCH.

WHY
NOT GO
IN THIS
CAR?



OH YES,
I LIKE
WHAT YOU
SAY.

I AGREE
VERY
MUCH.

YOU BEING
STRUNG OUT
IS TROUBLE
ENOUGH AS
IT IS, YOU
FUCKIN' MICK.

YOU STAY
RIGHT HERE
TILL WE GIVE
YOU THE WORD.
IF YOU BOLT,
I'LL HUNT YOU
DOWN AND KILL
YOU, GOT IT?!



HE OKAY
WITH THAT
PART OF
JOB.

VERY
STRANGE
MAN...HE
DRIVE GOOD
EVEN WHEN
BRAIN IS
IN OUTER
SPACE.

HEY, LAY
OFF THE
BLOW.

WE DON'T
NEED YOU
HIGH AS KITE
WHEN IT'S
TIME TO GET
THE HELL OUT
OF HERE.

HA!

I
WON'T
RUN,
'KAY?

THOUGH,
I SUPPOSE
I'D SPLIT
IF YOU'D
BROUGHT
THE ENTIRE
SARACEN ARMY
WITH YOU.

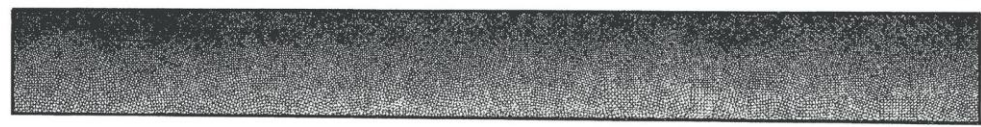


YOU
WANT HAVE
YOUR BUTT
QUARTERED?

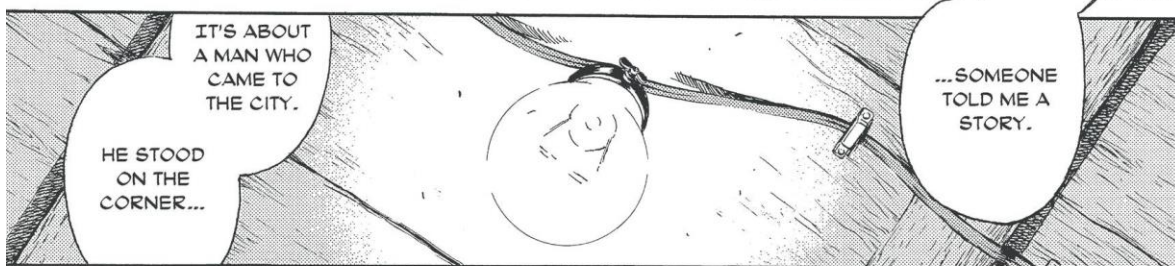
MAKING FUN
OF PEOPLE
NOT NICE, YOU
NASTY BITCH.

OKAY,
LET'S GET
GOING...

...CHINGLISH
GAL.



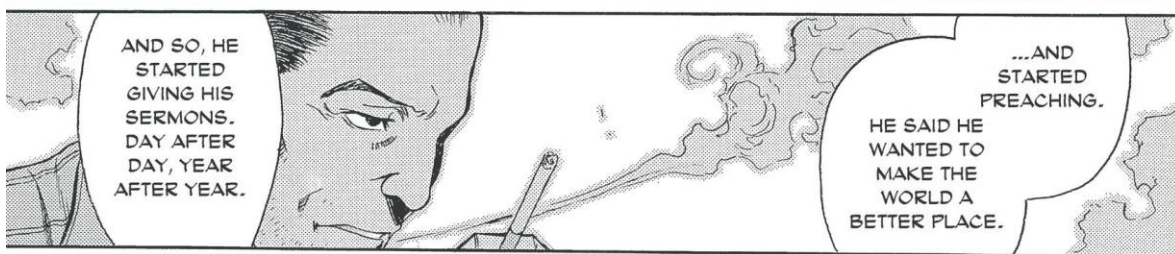
...A LONG
TIME AGO...



IT'S ABOUT
A MAN WHO
CAME TO
THE CITY.

HE STOOD
ON THE
CORNER...

...SOMEONE
TOLD ME A
STORY.



AND SO, HE
STARTED
GIVING HIS
SERMONS.
DAY AFTER
DAY, YEAR
AFTER YEAR.

...AND
STARTED
PREACHING.

HE SAID HE
WANTED TO
MAKE THE
WORLD A
BETTER PLACE.

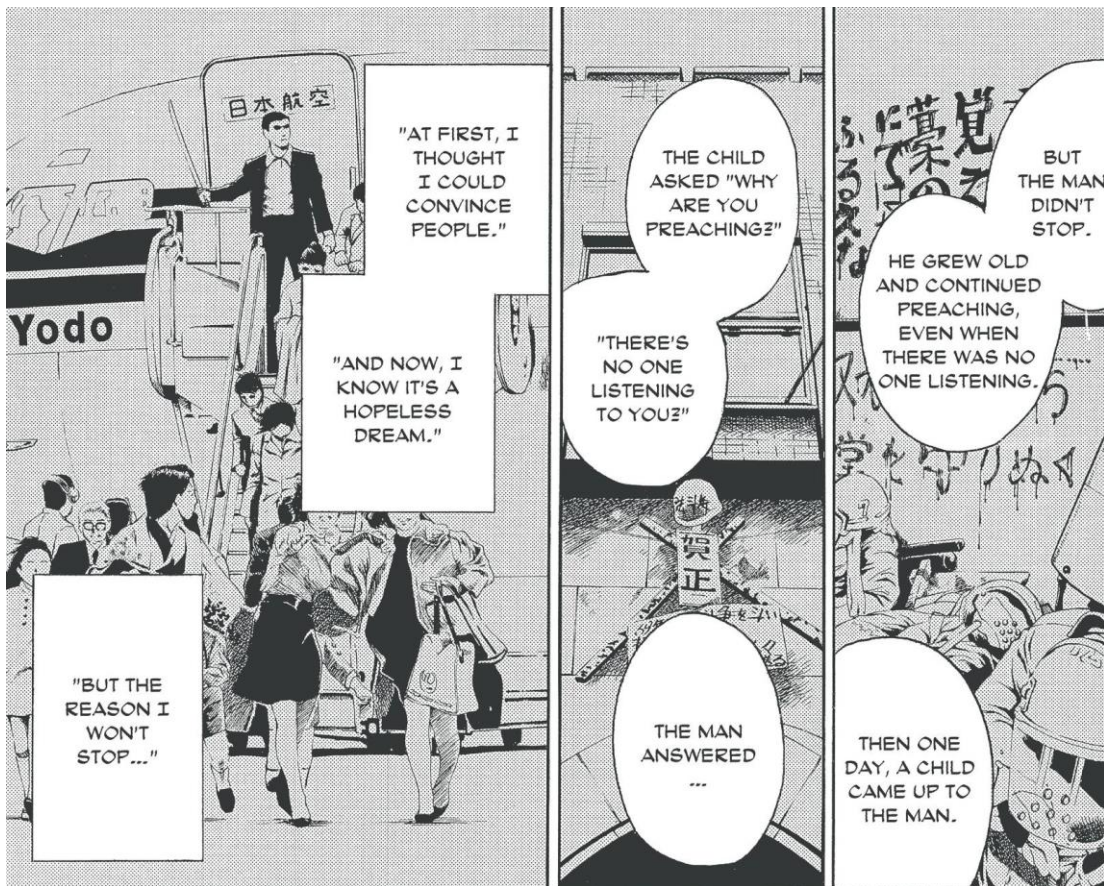


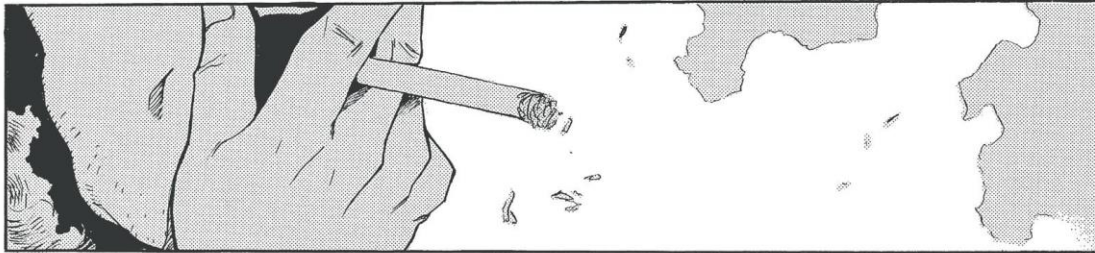
IN THE
END, NONE
OF THEM
CARED
ABOUT WHAT
WAS WRONG
WITH THE
WORLD.

...IN TIME,
EVERYBODY
LOST INTEREST.

AT FIRST,
PEOPLE
LISTENED TO
WHAT HE HAD
TO SAY. SOME
PROCLAIMED
THEY WOULD
FIGHT ALONG
WITH HIM.

BUT...





TAKENAKA.

HOW HARD
DO YOU
WANT ME
TO BEAT
HIM?

...
WELL,
THAT'S
THAT.



THERE'S NO
REASON FOR
HIM TO BE
LOYAL TO HIS
CLIENT. LEAVE
HIM BE, AND
HE'LL TALK.

HELL,
THERE'S
NO NEED.

HE'S NO
SOLDIER.
HE'S JUST A
DELIVERY
BOY.



TOMORROW
?!

WE ARE
UNDER A
TIGHT
DEADLINE!!
EVERY
SECOND
COUNTS,
TAKENAKA!!

IF HE
DOESN'T
TALK BY
TOMORROW
MORNING,
WELL, THEN...

DO A SUMMARY
TRIAL AND SHOOT
HIM. WE GOTTA
KEEP UP OUR
IMAGE WITH OUR
TROOPS, AFTER
ALL.

I GUESS
WE ARE
DIFFERENT,
YOUNG
MAN.
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

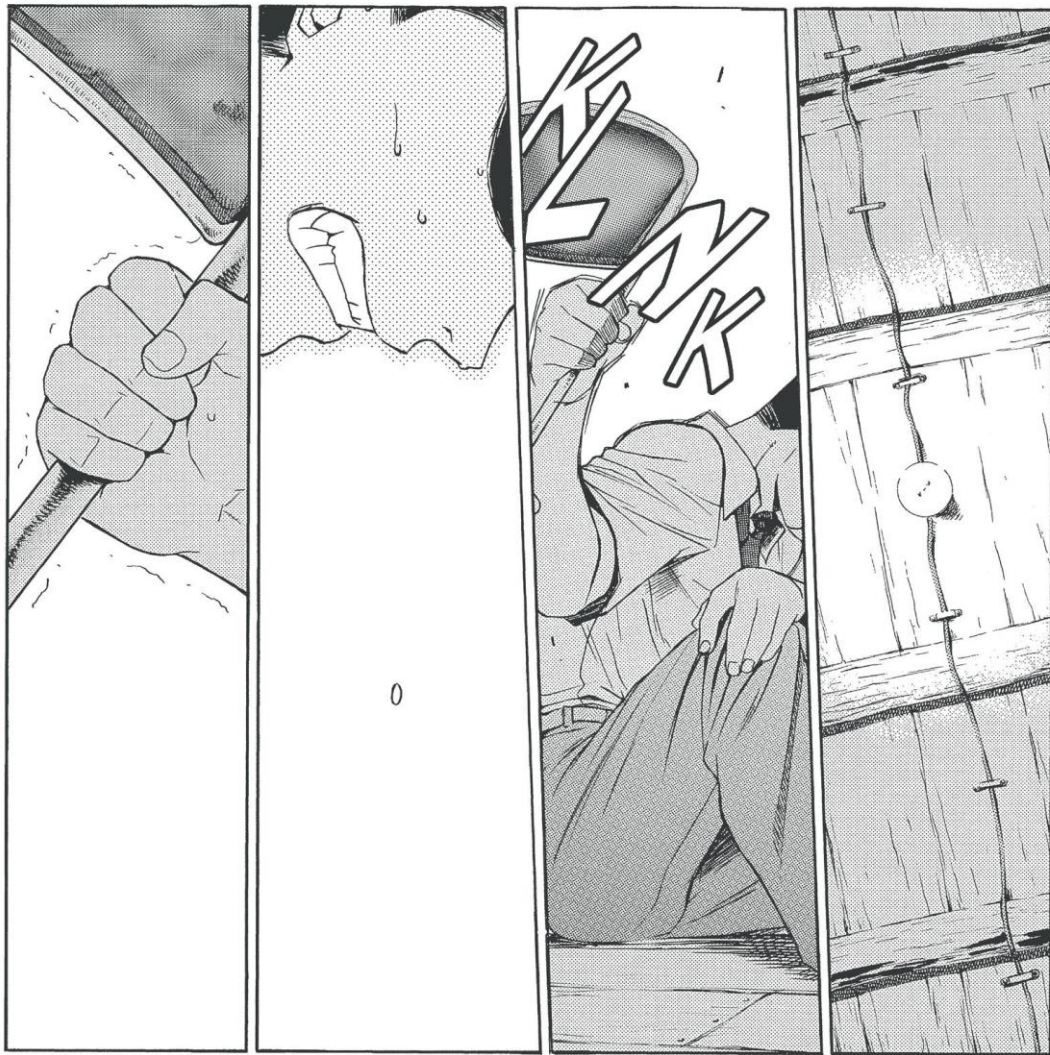
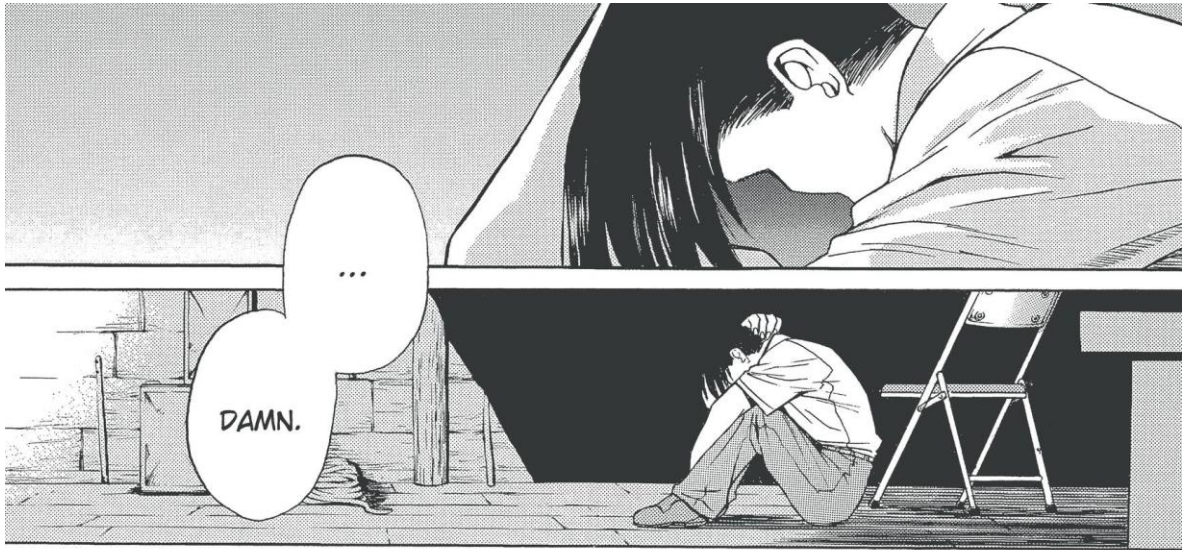






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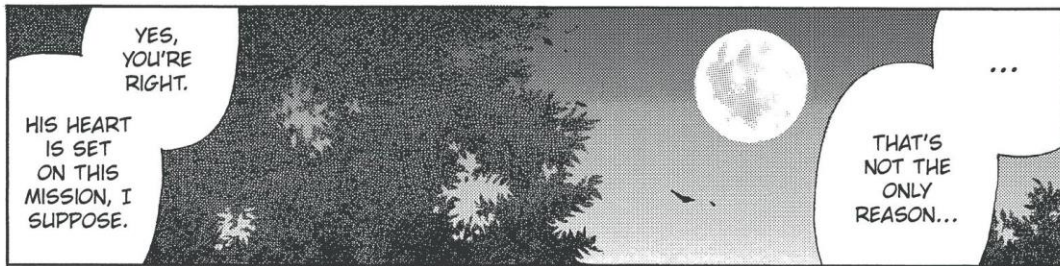




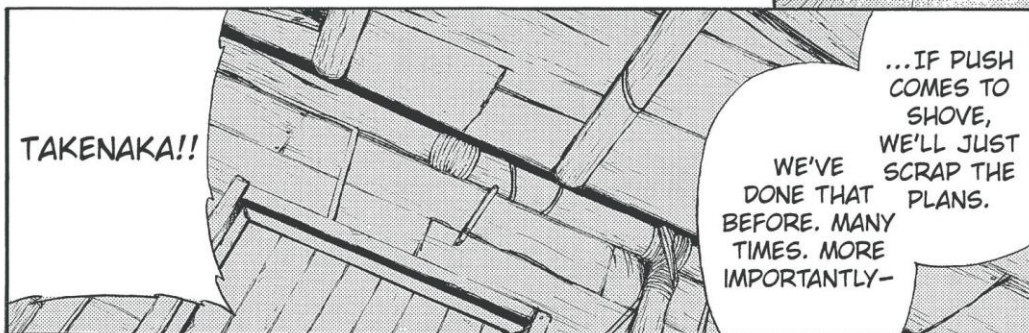


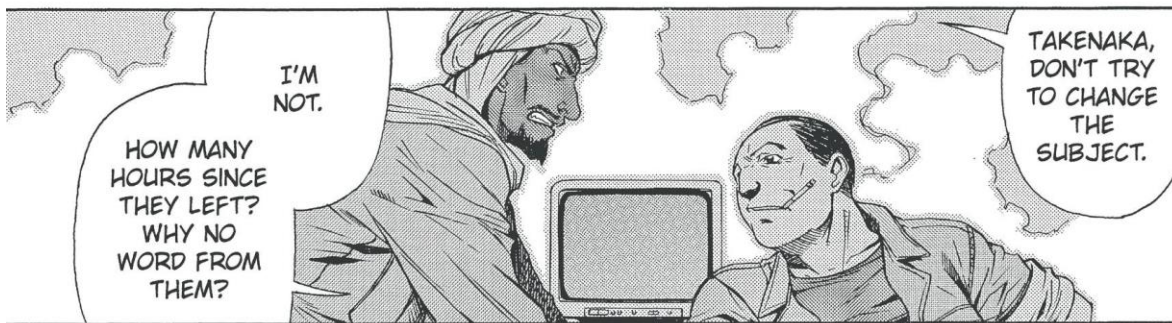
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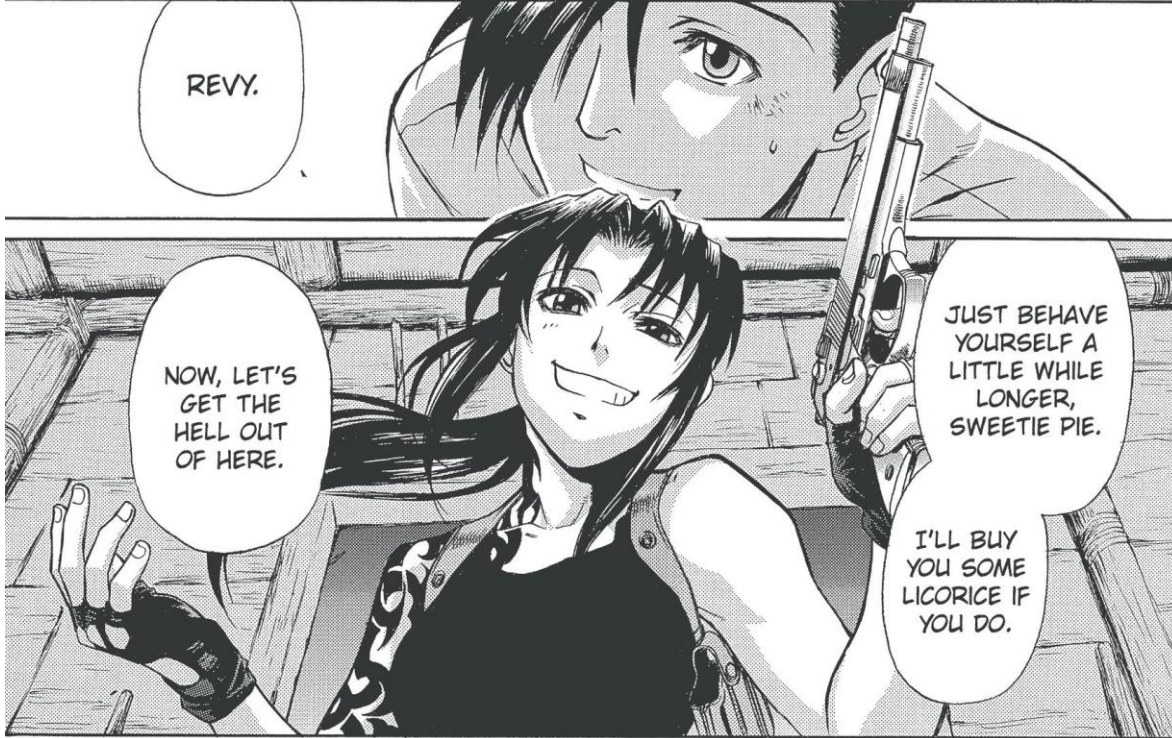
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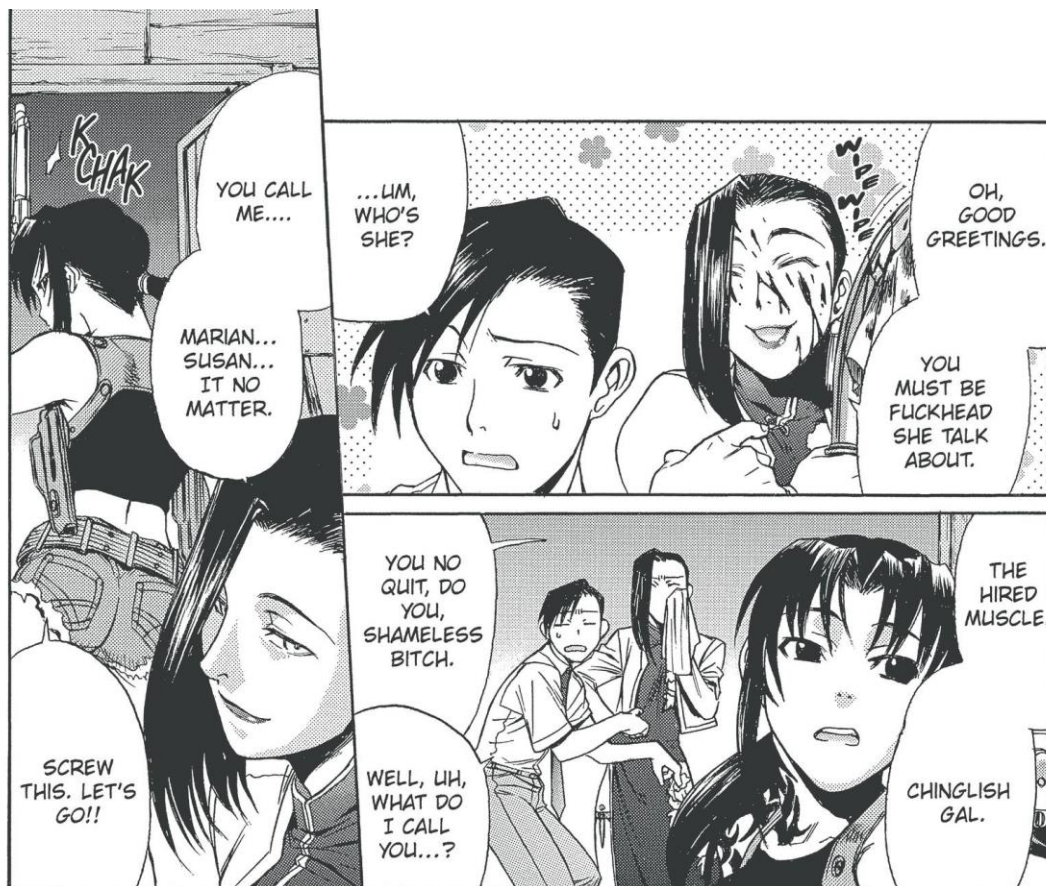


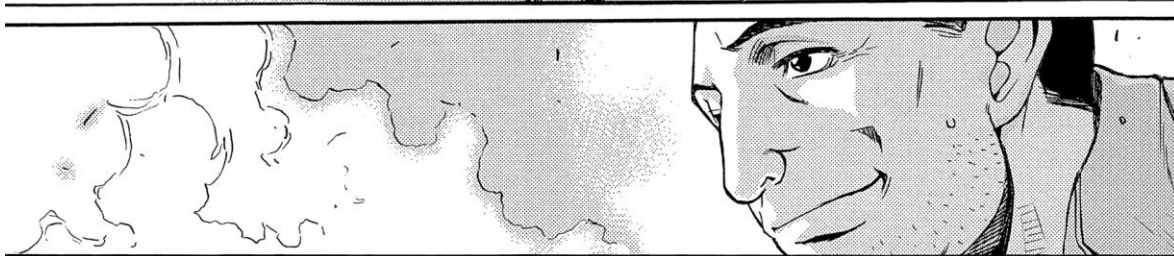
















OH...

I GOTTA
GET TO
LIVER-
POOL,
MAN!!

SHIT, I
FORGOT
!!

SH H H H T
NOOOOOO

JIMI
HENDRIX
IS
CALLING
TO ME!

SAYS WE
GOTTA GO
DEFEAT
THE
KLINGONS
!!

BOOM





IBRAHA,
WAIT!!

DON'T LEAVE
THE COMMAND
CENTER
UNMANNED...!
DAMMIT!!

DASH

NO...

KMP

BEGIN
PURSUIT!!

VRN

ALL
UNITS!

I WILL
NOT LET
THEM...!!

HUNT
THEM
DOWN
AND KILL
THEM!!

ROO

DO NOT
LET THEM
ESCAPE!

RRR

OOH,
WONDER-
FUL, YES?

NOW WE
HAVE LOTS
MORE FUN.

BMP
BMP
BMP

WELL,
LOOKIE
HERE!!

CHECK
OUT THE
JACKASSES
COMIN' OUT
OF THE
WOODWORK.



UM,
REVY...?

AW, SHIT!
I LOST!

OKAY,
WHO GETS
TO GO
FIRST?!

LET'S DO
ROCK-
PAPER-
SCISSORS!



...
REVY
...

...I HAD
A TALK
WITH THAT
JAPANESE
GUY.



UH...NO.
NOTHING.

I GO
FIRST,
THEN.

DO IT QUICK,
ALL RIGHT?!
YOU KILL FIVE,
THEN IT'S MY
TURN, GOT
IT?! ...DID
YOU SAY
SOMETHING,
ROCK?



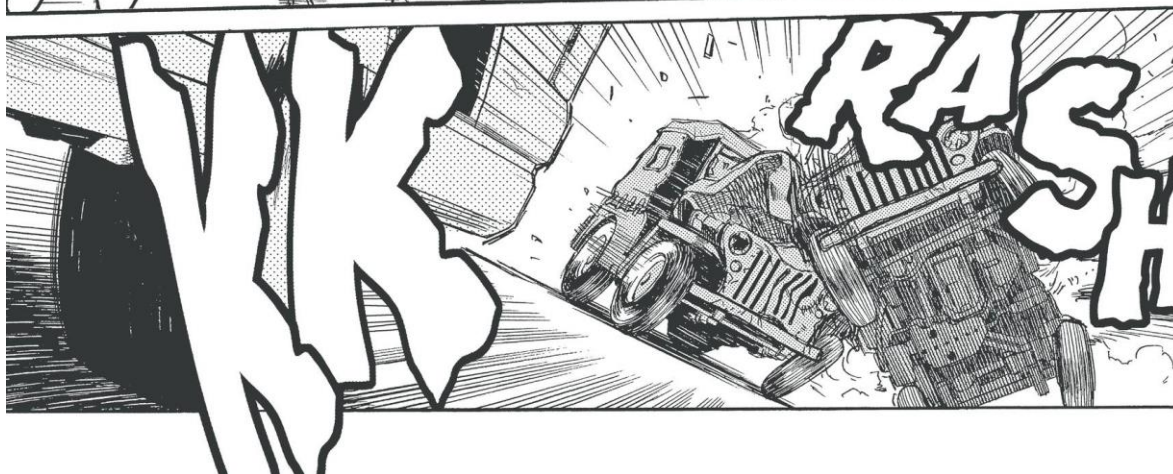
AND
YOU
KNOW...

給我跳舞吧
(NOW DANCE
FOR ME.)

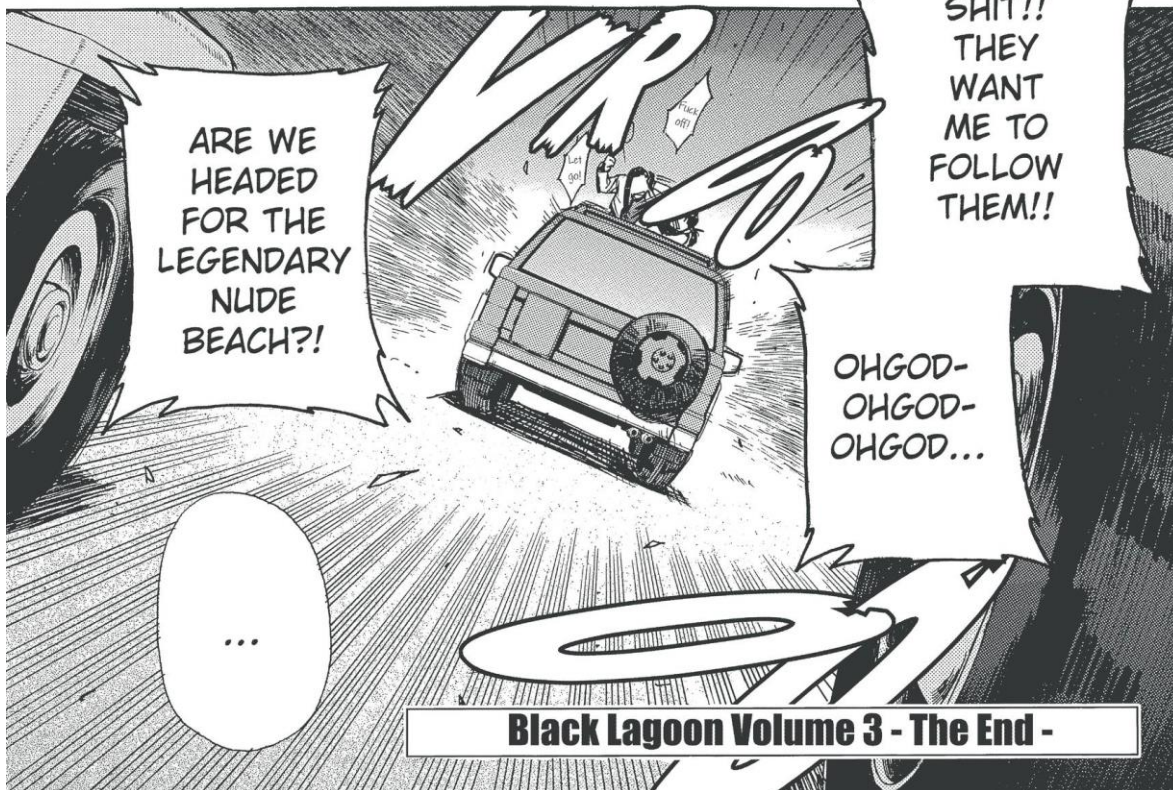
嘻嘻
(HEH-HEH.)

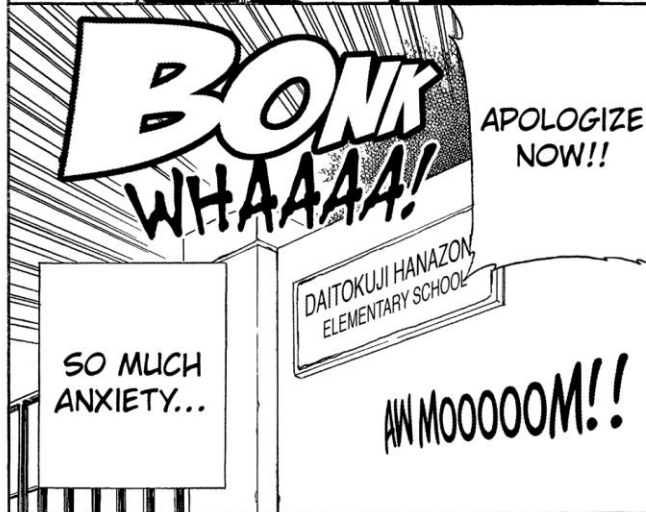
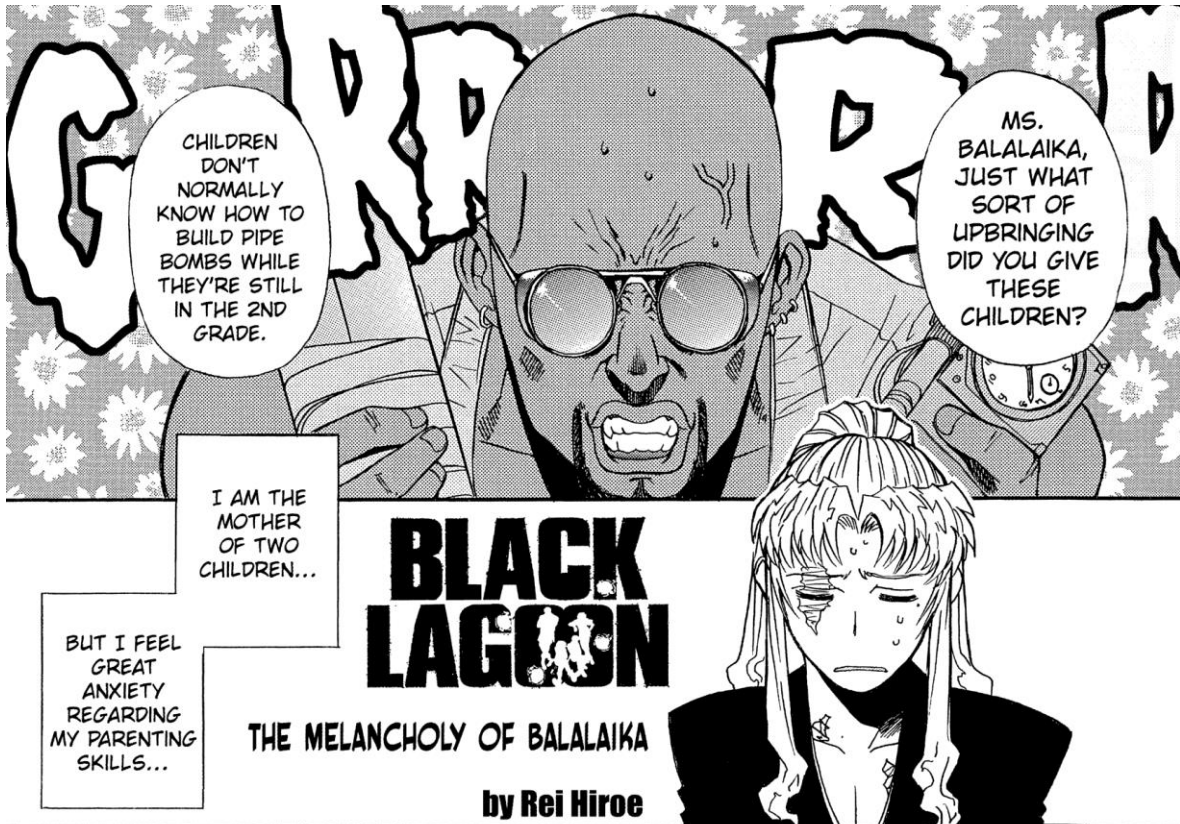
那我来
(HERE I COME.)















IF HE CAN'T
HANDLE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT, HE'S
GOING TO HAVE
HARD TIME
IN LIFE.

INDEED,
SISTER
DEAREST.

WHAT A
WIMP,
BROTHER
DEAREST.

LEEK
LEEK



EVER SINCE,
THE YOUNG
MASTER HAS
BEGUN TO
WET THE BED
AGAIN!

HE KEEPS
MUMBLING
SOMETHING
ABOUT
MARATHON MAN
OR SOME
SUCH, MAKING
NO SENSE
AT ALL!!

Make it
stop! Make
it stop!!

SHIVER
SHIVER



MY
ANXIETY
KEEPS ON
GROWING
AND
GROWING...

WHAM
AW, MOOOOOOOOM!

GO
APOLOGIZE.
NOW!!



ANYWAY, ISN'T
RAISING THE
CHILDREN
YOUR JOB?

HONEY...
CAN'T THIS
WAIT TILL
TOMORROW?

SNORK

MR. CHANG

I TRIED TO TALK
TO MY HUSBAND
ABOUT IT, BUT
HE REFUSED TO
GET INVOLVED.

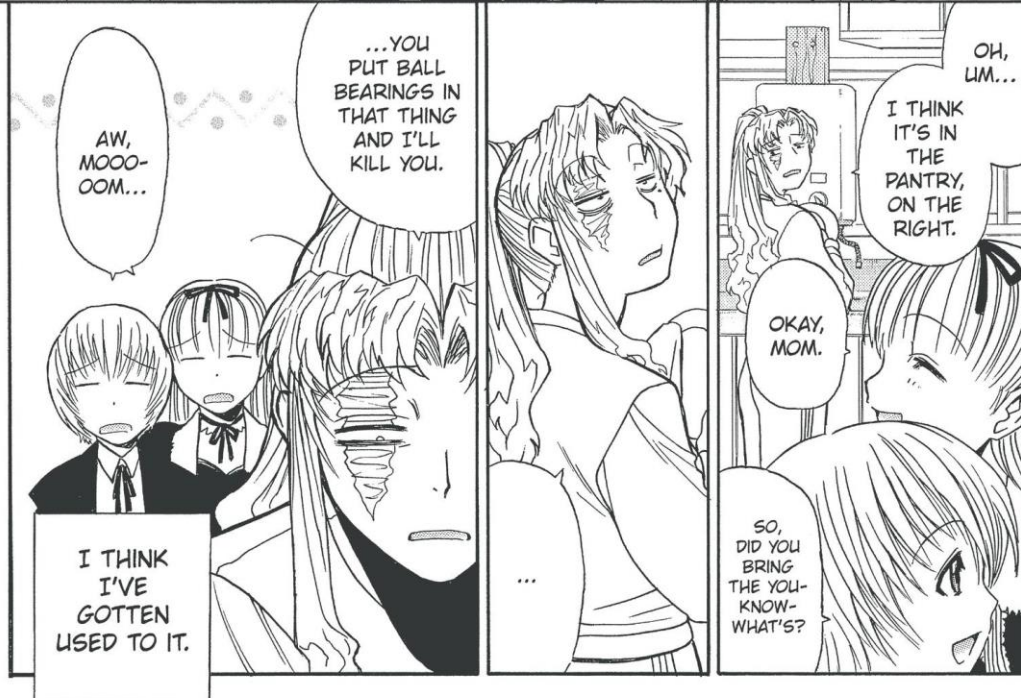
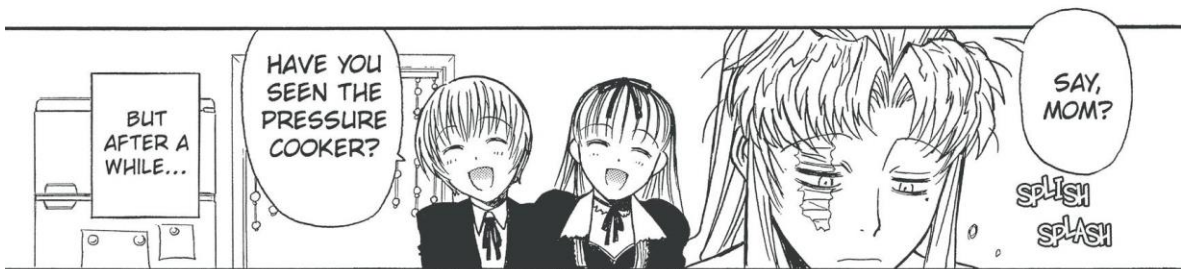
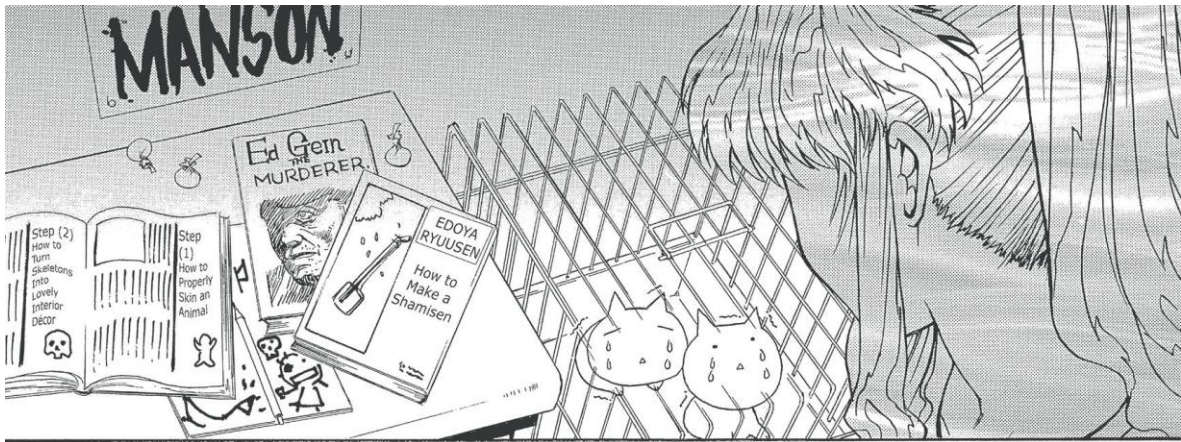


WELL,
AT
LEAST...



...THEY'RE
YOUNG
CHILDREN
WHEN THEY
SLEEP...





AFTERWORD

HOLY CRAP, VOLUME 3 IS OUT. NOW I'M IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. CAN'T BACK OUT NOW. I'VE NOW VENTURED INTO TERRITORY THAT'S TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR TO ME, AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO ALL YOU GREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME THIS FAR. THANK YOU!! I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. GOTTA WORK DOUBLE-TIME TO MAKE THINGS EVEN MORE INTERESTING. I'M GONNA KEEP ON GOING, SO PLEASE STICK WITH ME.

I'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.

MY EDITOR, MR. WOO: THE MAN WHOSE LIFE GETS MANHANDLED LIKE A BAT IN A SLUGGER'S HANDS.

AAARGH. I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT IT ALL.

MY ASSISTANTS: B-RIVER, MATSUSHIMA-KUN, AND ITAKO.

I'M FULLY AWARE THAT YOUR COMMANDER KEEPS ON ISSUING OUTRAGEOUS ORDERS, BUT PLEASE KEEP UP WITH ME.

EVIL GLYS, I MEAN, MY ILLIN' BUDDIES: MO'CHII (OLD LADIES-R-US,) BIH (LOSER HERMIT,) J-SAIRO (WORKAHOLIC), AND KOGA-KUN (JUST BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL.) EVERY ONE OF 'EM, SICK IN THE HEAD ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

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-REI HIROE, MARCH 15TH, 2004.

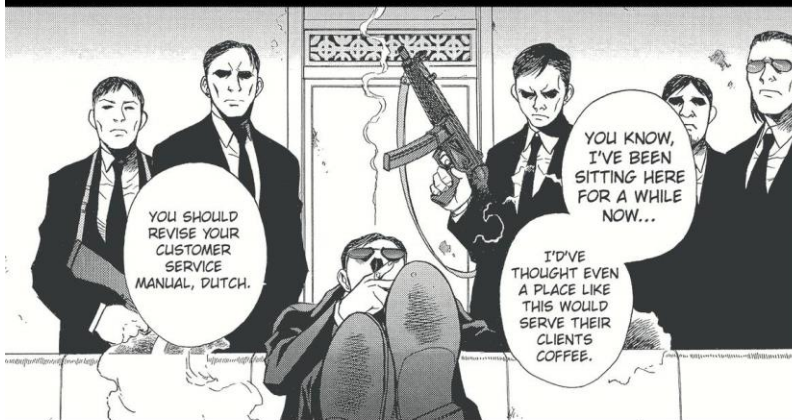
REI HIROE

I've finally lost my "volume 3" virginity! Yeehah!



Rei Hiroe was born on December 12, 1972. After working at a game company, he debuted as a mangaka in 1993. He has been an active illustrator and dojinshi, and has created many titles released through the dojin community. He is best known for his works, *Hisuikyoukitan* and *SHOOK UP!* (both currently available in new formats published by Shogakukan) and his first artwork collection, *Barrage*.

Editor's Note



The Triads

The Chinese Triads have historical origins that can be traced back hundreds of years. Some were formed as “benevolent associations” along ethnic and linguistic lines and have morphed into organized crime rackets with tens of thousands of members worldwide. The Triads engage in all manner of criminal activities, including those which require a high degree of technical sophistication, such as production of fake credit cards, along with more base crimes like drug trafficking, extortion and gambling. They are flexible, adaptable and have enormous financial resources which allow them to invest in legitimate business enterprises as well.

In Roanapur, Mister Chang (aka Great Brother Chang) represents the interests of the Sun Yee On (of which he is a member), one of the largest Triads in the world. The 14K Triad, another large and powerful group, also seems to have a presence in Roanapur. And if you think Chang bears a striking resemblance to Hong Kong and Hollywood action movie star Chow Yun-Fat, you wouldn't be too far off the mark!



The Japanese Red Army

The Japanese Red Army (日本赤軍, *Nihon Sekigun*) was a terrorist organization founded in 1971. Its members and philosophies grew out of the student protest movements that rocked Japan in the '60s. Their goals were to overthrow the Japanese government, depose the Japanese emperor and start a worldwide communist revolution. In the 1970s and '80s, the group was responsible for or participated in terrorist actions worldwide, including the hijacking of a Japan Airlines flight in 1970 and the Lod Airport massacre in Tel Aviv in 1972. The group had close ties to the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine). They were also involved in several other airline hijackings and embassy bombings in Europe and Asia. Most of their members have since been arrested and convicted and the group is no longer active.

Masahiro Takenaka is an old-school terrorist whose years on the run have pretty much ground out all his youthful idealism. Now more mercenary than revolutionary, he sells his considerable skills at organizing and causing mayhem to the highest bidder. The operation with Ibraha and his encounter with Rock may have rekindled some of his old revolutionary fire.



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